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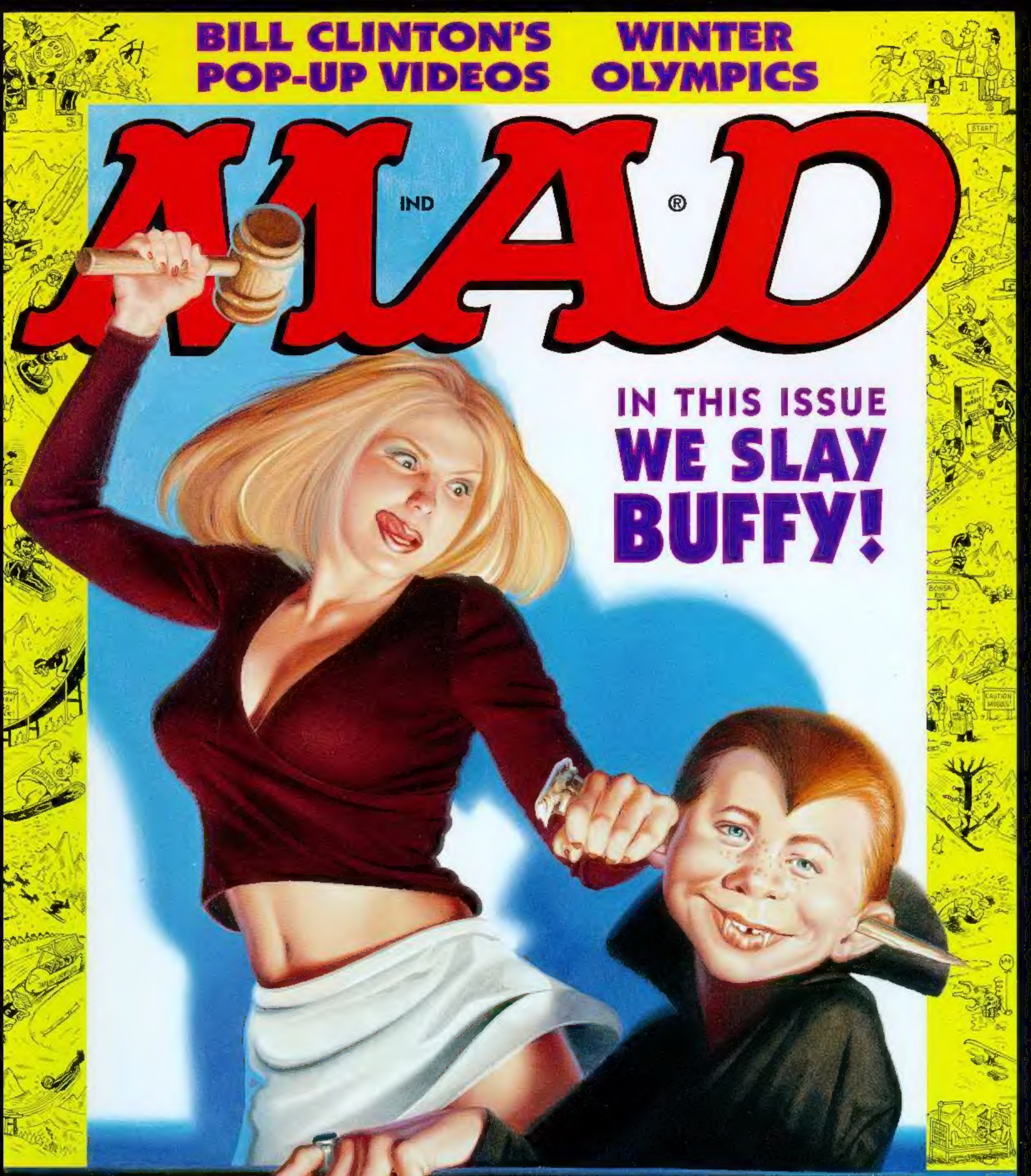

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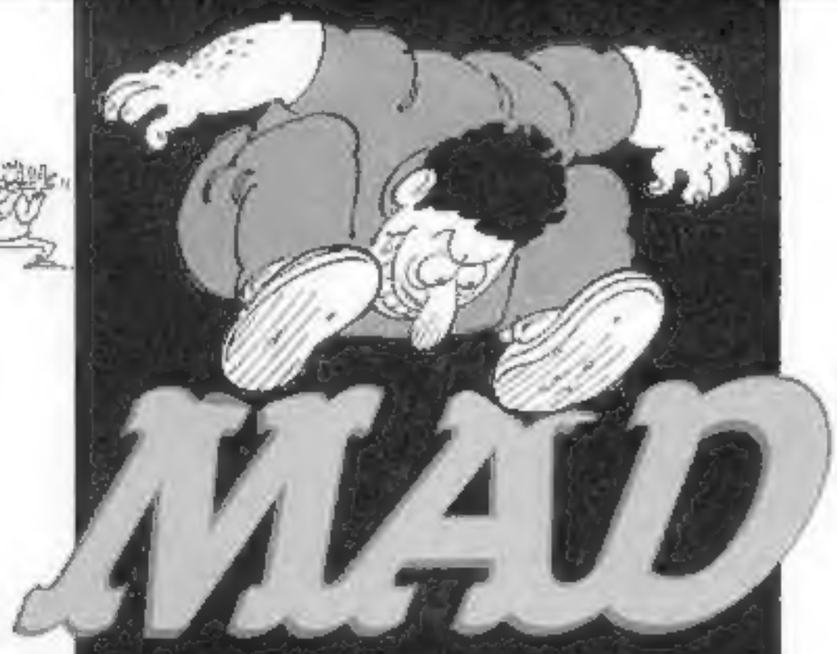

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— Alfred E. Neuman

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SPICE EXPLORATION

In MAD #363 you made fun of the Spice Girls. Thank God that I don't like them! My friends love them so they wanted to read it no matter what you said about them. Also, at school, I have a teacher who subscribed to MAD. This surprised me because she's a very strict teacher.

Courtney Carrell
San Jose, CA

Court — Let's try this MAD syllogism: A) MAD did an article on the Spice Girls. B) You have a strict teacher who reads MAD. Ergo, you should call your teacher Strict Spice! Let us know how it turns out! —Ed.

Are the Spice Girls the first females that Alfred E. Neuman has ever gotten?

Ken Kibby
San Jose, CA

We're not certain if Alfred has ever "gotten" the Spice Girls or any other woman. We are, however, 100% certain about *your* "gotten" status, Kenny! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

"PRODUCT ACRONYMS"

In "Product Acronyms You Never Knew Existed" (MAD #363) you included Kmart (Keeping Middle America Really Tacky). As an associate at a Super Kmart I would like to say thank you! I took the opportunity to show my store director your article. He was then rushed to the hospital to have his appendix removed. It seems he laughed so hard his appendix burst! Well, he is still in the hospital and I know I will be out of a job when he returns. So, this winter, as I slowly freeze to death because I was evicted and lost my girlfriend and my family disowned me, I will smile and remember that it was all due to you.

Terry L. Jordan,
Super Kmart Center #4970
Memphis, TN

Terry — Thanks for your warm, inspiring letter. Now get over to aisle six, a new shipment of Martha Stewart turquoise sheets needs to be priced and shelved! —Ed.
P.S. to readers: Is it any wonder why Wal-Mart has left Kmart in the dust?

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Norm Macdonald had some fun
E-I-E-I-O
Took his photo with someone
E-I-E-I-O
With a free sub here and a free sub there
Here a sub, there a sub, everywhere a sub sub.
Norm Macdonald got Lau-ren
a one-year sub to MAD! Moooooooo! —Ed.

Saturday Night Live's Norm Macdonald embraces Canadian youngsters Jonas, Emily and winner Lauren Charyk (l-r) all of Toronto. Lucky kids, eh?

Meglin's hair weave by the same guy Marv Albert uses.
Thinking of ways to kill agent for allowing him to appear in a scene with Meglin.
Got this part without a trip to the "casting couch"...unlike Meglin.

WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE...

The letters page is proud to present a new feature: Nick Meglin's Pop-Up Videos starring MAD's own co-editor Nick Meglin! We last saw Nick on the MAD letters page in issue #305. He was appearing in an episode of *thirtysomething*, which was cancelled soon thereafter. This time, "Hollywood" Meglin made a recent appearance with Matthew Perry (aka Chandler) on NBC's hit show *Friends*, which we expect will also be cancelled soon. Enjoy the Pop-Ups!

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BORDER INCIDENT

I got issue #363 in the mail, and it had no border. I thought that maybe you had gone back to the old way of doing MAD covers, but when I went to my newsstand I saw the same issue, only it had the border. Is this an effect of too much sugar?

Martin Snider
Weaverville, NC

Marty — It's true half the country received the border and half didn't. So that no one gets upset, we're asking all the people on the Western side of the United States to bring their issues with the border to Pewaukee, Wisconsin on March 1st where they will meet up with all the MAD readers from the Eastern half of the country and their issues without the border. This will commence the first annual *MAD Across America!* Among the Usual Gang of Idiots scheduled to attend are Dave Berg, Sergio Aragones, Mort Drucker and Al Jaffee. *MAD Across America* is being organized by MAD's infamous bungler, Godfrey. So if Jaffee and company aren't there, start the tractor rides without them! —Ed.

READER ALERT!

Don't miss issue #368! A MAD first, a 16-page full-color (yes, full-color) parody of that lame-ass publication *Entertainment Weekly!* On sale March 24th!

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DREAM ON

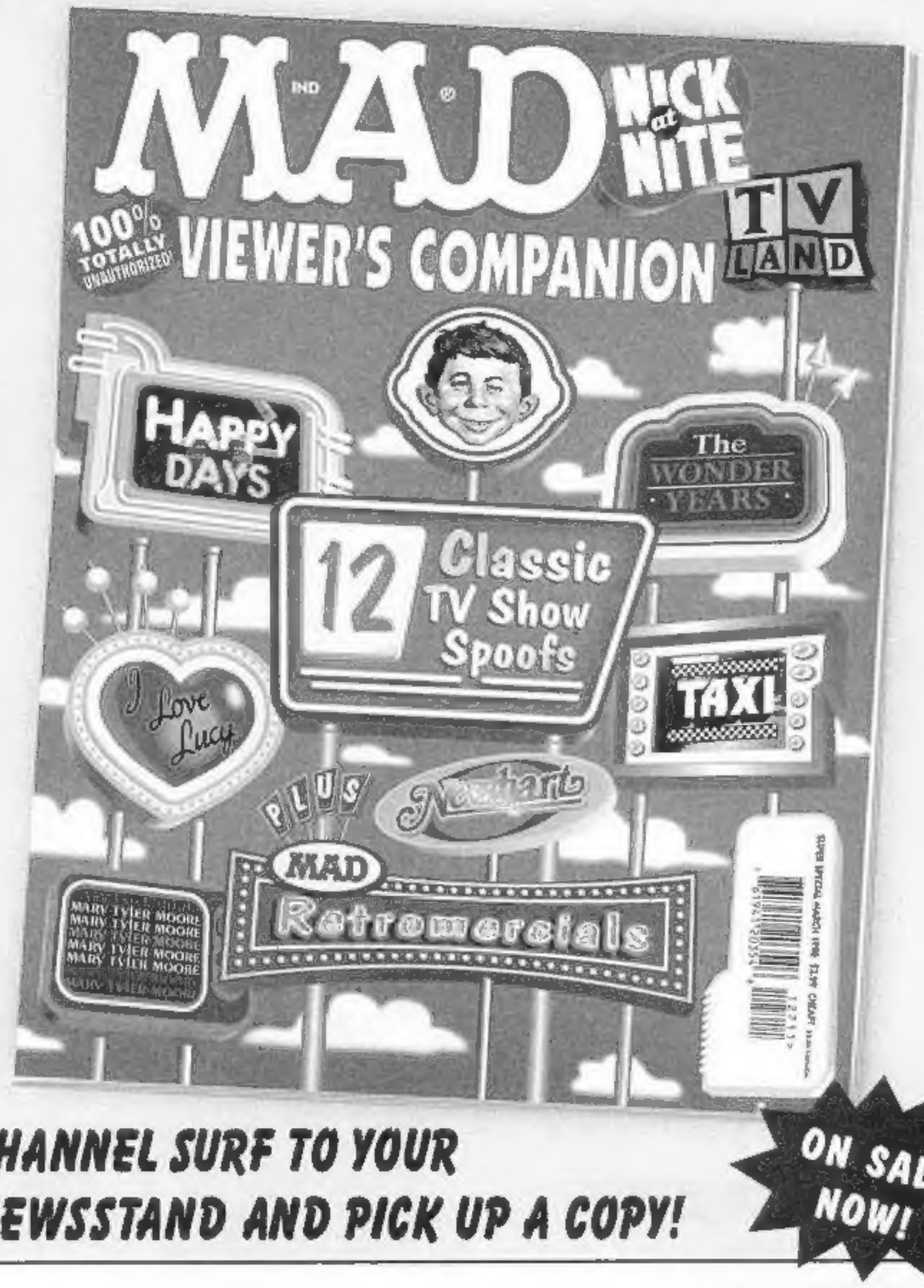
What you said about Aerosmith in "6 Degrees of Separation Between Anyone and Anything" (Issue #363) was a disgrace! Steven Tyler's mouth is not that big. As a matter of fact, he's pretty damn good looking. Aerosmith is my favorite band, and it is NOT packed with aging baby boomers. I know you are probably going to reply to me with one of your stupid wisecracks.

P.S. Please don't call me a dweeb or offend me in any way.

Hallie Miller
Wallingford, PA

Hallie — As even a casual reader of the MAD Letters Page knows we are in the business of making readers' wishes come true. Unfortunately, we cannot honor your request. There is no getting around it. Your letter is concrete proof that you are in fact a bona fied, 100% certifiable dweeb! If Steven Tyler knew of your very existence, he'd be back hitting the controlled substances before you could say "Dude looks like a lady!" —Ed.

A BAD CASE OF THE RE-RUNS!



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LET'S LET BYLINES BE BYLINES

I noticed that the story "Air Farce One" in issue #364 did not have any bylines. Then I remembered that I wrote the story and Sam Viviano illustrated it. I have been one of the Usual Gang of Idiots for many years, as has Sam. Now, it seems that we have become anonymous. I can't say how Sam feels about it, but I want to thank you for the promotion!

Stan Hart
New York, NY

Note to readers: The above letter, though written by Stan Hart, was not illustrated by Sam Viviano!

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BUGS FUNNY DEPT.

What do you call a movie where the BIGGEST name on the marquee is Busey? And it's not even Gary! It's his son, Jake! In other words, this movie is filled with...

STARLE

I'm **Johnny Reeky** and I joined the **Federal Forces** right out of **high school!** Nothing is **more important** to me than **serving** my **country — except,** of course, **NOT doing** what my **parents want me to do!** They wanted me to go to **college,** and **not join** the **service!** So, I **joined** the **service** and **nixed college!** Hah! I'll **show THEM** who's **smart!** Besides, I hear there's **a lot of action** in the **military!** That's why I'm bringing **hundreds of condoms!**

I'm **Cravemen Ibeen!** In **no time** at all, I went from **sexy high school student** to **sexy spaceship pilot!** It was **easy** for me to get my **pilot's license** — on the **driving test,** you don't need to **parallel park! I still** can't do that! As a **strong woman,** I have **strong needs!** That's why I'm **hot** for **Johnny Reeky!** I'm **also hot** for **Sanszit Barcode!** And I'm **hot** for **ALL** the **other men** serving in the **Federal Force!** Like they say, **there's strength** in **numbers!**

I'm **Sanszit Barcode!** I was able to become a **spaceship navigator** and **teacher quickly** because I **fulfilled** one of **basic requirements** for being put in the **front seat** of a Federal Force spaceship! **Eye/hand coordination?** Naw! **Perfect skin!** In this man's **modern army,** one **blemish,** and **you're out!**

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STAR WARS

BUG OFF

SST TROOPERS

I'm **Dipsy Flowers**, and I'm as **rugged** as **any man** here! I can **brawl, get stinkin' drunk, chew tobacco, spit ten feet** — hell, I even **suffer** from **jock itch!** I'm here to **fight!** Fight the **bugs?** Hell no! I'm here to **fight Cravemen** for **Johnny Reeky's affection!** I say, **make love AND war!**

I'm **Carl Jerkins** and I was accepted by Federal Forces because of my **psychic abilities!** I can actually **tune in** to the **brain waves** of a **bug!** To tell you the **truth,** I wish I'd had **REAL psychic abilities** years ago, so I would have **turned down** that **stupid TV series!** For the **rest** of my life, **no matter what** I do, I'll always be known as **"that Doogie Howser kid"!**

I'm **John Ratsick!** A lot of these **kids** were my **high school students!** I taught them that we **live** in a **society** where you **give up** your **life** for your **friend,** and **die** for what you **believe in!** Now they're **going off** to war to **protect** those **values! Teenagers** — man, are they **gullible!**

I'm a **bug!** You may think we're **icky now,** but after you see how **bad** these **humans act,** by the **end** of the **film,** you'll be **rooting** for **us!**

I'm **Sergeant Sin!** I teach **basic training** for the **Federal Forces** and I'm **rough** on the **recruits!** How rough? Let me put it **this way:** if you **make it out** of **basic training alive,** then I **haven't done my job!**

I'm **Ash Levi!** I was a **tall, lanky, wise-ass high school student** who pretty much just **goofed off!** But **boot camp** changed that **real fast!** Now I'm a **tall, lanky, wise-ass SOLDIER** who just **goofs off,** but now I get **paid** for it!

MORT DRUCKER

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

This is the **Plasma Bug!** Latin name: ***Ugly-as-sin-us!*** I want you to **cut the bug open, reach in,** and **pull out** all the **yucky stuff!**

Did you know **these bugs** can **hurl** their **spores** into **outer space?**

Really? Did you know I can **hurl my breakfast 50 feet?** And if you keep pulling out that **bug's guts,** I'm going to **prove it to you!**

I **joined up** so the **Federation** can **pay** for my **college education!**

I'm **here** because **I want** to make the **Federation Army** my **career!**

I'm **here** because I want to **run** for **political office,** and you need to **serve two years** to be **eligible!**

I'm here because they have these **co-ed showers!** But I sure could use some **moisturizer!** Showering **eight** to **10 hours a day** is sure **drying out my skin!**

Sergeant Sin, how come **every military veteran** I've met so far is **missing** an **arm** or a **leg?**

The bugs are **merciless** when it comes to **chopping off limbs!** But fortunately for you **young recruits,** they **never attack hair** or **teeth,** so there's no need to **worry!** If anything **goes wrong,** you'll all **still** make **gorgeous amputees!**

Listen up! **Each one** of you will be **issued** this **M7 Tactical Metal Helmet,** a **Kamikaze 700 machine gun** with **digital sound,** and most important of all, an **Industrial Strength Shell No-Pest Strip,** which should be **worn** about the **waist** at **all times!** Soon, you're all gonna see **unbelievable bloodshed, carnage** and **annihilation!** Then, **after basic training,** it could **get worse!**

For **negligence** contributing to the **death** of a **fellow soldier** during **basic training,** you will receive **10 lashes!**

I thought he would be **braver** than that! He's **screaming** because he's going to **get 10 lashes!**

He **doesn't care** about the **ten lashes!** He's **screaming** because they're **also** going to **force feed** him **20 Hershey bars!** If his skin **breaks out,** he's **history!**

A **meteor shot** from the **bug planet** has **destroyed Buenos Aires!** Please **adjust** your **maps** accordingly! We'll **update you** if we decide to put **another country** in **that space!**

I was **gonna quit** the army because I **got a man killed!** But my family **lived** in **Buenos Aires,** and I'm **so mad,** now I'm gonna **kill** those **bugs,** and I don't care **how many fellow soldiers** I **accidentally kill** along **with them!**

That **Reeky,** he's **my kind** of **soldier!**

Do you want to know more? Are you buying this so far? You are? Just wait!

I'm **Doctor Jerkins** with an **important announcement** from **Federal Bug Control!** If you **blow a limb off** a bug, it's still **86% effective!** Blow off **two limbs**, and it's **43% effective! Three limbs**, it's **22% effective!** So **aim** for the **heart** — which **totally eliminates** the bug and all this **confusing math!**

BUG

Do you want to know more? Are you beginning to wonder if this is really supposed to be a comedy, an action movie, SOMETHING?

So you **made it** to the **pilot's seat!** I heard you're **good** on the **stick** —

I'm **great** on the **stick!** It's the **little handle** that **controls** this thing I'm **not so sure about!**

Hey! Someone **re-plotted** the **course** I set!

I did that! It's a **tiny bit longer** than the course **you** set, but it will **save time** because we'll **hit less traffic!**

My God, have you **ever** seen **so many bugs** in your **life?**

Every-time I **turn on** my **kitchen light** after midnight!

There must be **millions** of **them!** Are you **afraid?**

Naw! Since **yesterday,** instead of **Old Spice,** I've been using **RAID** as **cologne!**

I **don't think** they're **sending enough Roach Motels!**

This is just the **first wave** of **small stuff!** The **Roach Condos** and **Roach High Rises** are in the **next wave!**

I **don't believe** this **spaceship!** The bugs are **heaving plasma** into **outer space** and this **$40 billion machine** doesn't have **windshield wipers!**

War is **hell!** **Two million bugs** are **dead,** 100,000 **soldiers** are **dead,** and **worst of all** — look, a **ZIT!**

Reeky got **hurt pretty bad,** but I suppose that "**healing liquid**" will nurse him **back to health!**

That's **not healing liquid!** It's **vodka!** It **won't help** his **injuries,** but on the other hand, he's so **drunk** he **couldn't care less!**

I was your **teacher,** now I'm your **lieutenant!** This is **war!** Everyone **fights** — no one **quits!** If you **disappointed me** in **high school,** I sent a **bad report** to your **parents!** Disappoint me **here,** and I send your **REMAINS** to your **parents!**

ABSOLUT RECOVERY

Notice what I did, people! A bug was attacking that soldier, so I shot the soldier!

Why didn't you just shoot the bug?

The bugs take a hundred bullets to stop! You can wipe out a soldier with just ONE bullet! You gotta save your ammo for your fellow soldiers in trouble!

Look — it's a Plasma Bug! See, it bends over and fires plasma out of its butt!

I'm not so sure that's plasma!

What makes you say that?

The bugs have giant rolls of Charmin toilet paper!

The bug sucked this guy's brains out! I can't imagine what that feels like!

I can! I've been on a date with Dipsy!

How come, with the entire universe to navigate in, we're colliding with another ship?

Because it's Friday and it's five p.m.! Everybody wants to get away for the weekend!

Cravemen, you're fantastic piloting this spaceship, even though it's cut in half!

Heck, if I'm good at flying a WHOLE spaceship, flying half is a breeze!

Dipsy was my friend, but she was killed in action defending the safety of the human race! Present arms!

Here they are, sir! And here's one of her legs, too!

I'm sorry I had to send so many troops to Planet P.U., knowing there'd be a very low survival rate!

You knew you were sending thousands of soldiers to their deaths?

Believe me, it wasn't easy! I mean, the paperwork alone kept me in the office till after five p.m.! But it paid off! I look like a hero!

Thanks to Dr. Carl Jerkins, the Federation troops have captured the smart bug! There he is! He's the one that looks like a giant unmentionable sex organ!

Do you want to know more?
Do you want to throw up?
Do you believe this crap?
Do you want your money back?

MAD'S DATING PLUSES & MINUSES SCORECARD

It never fails:

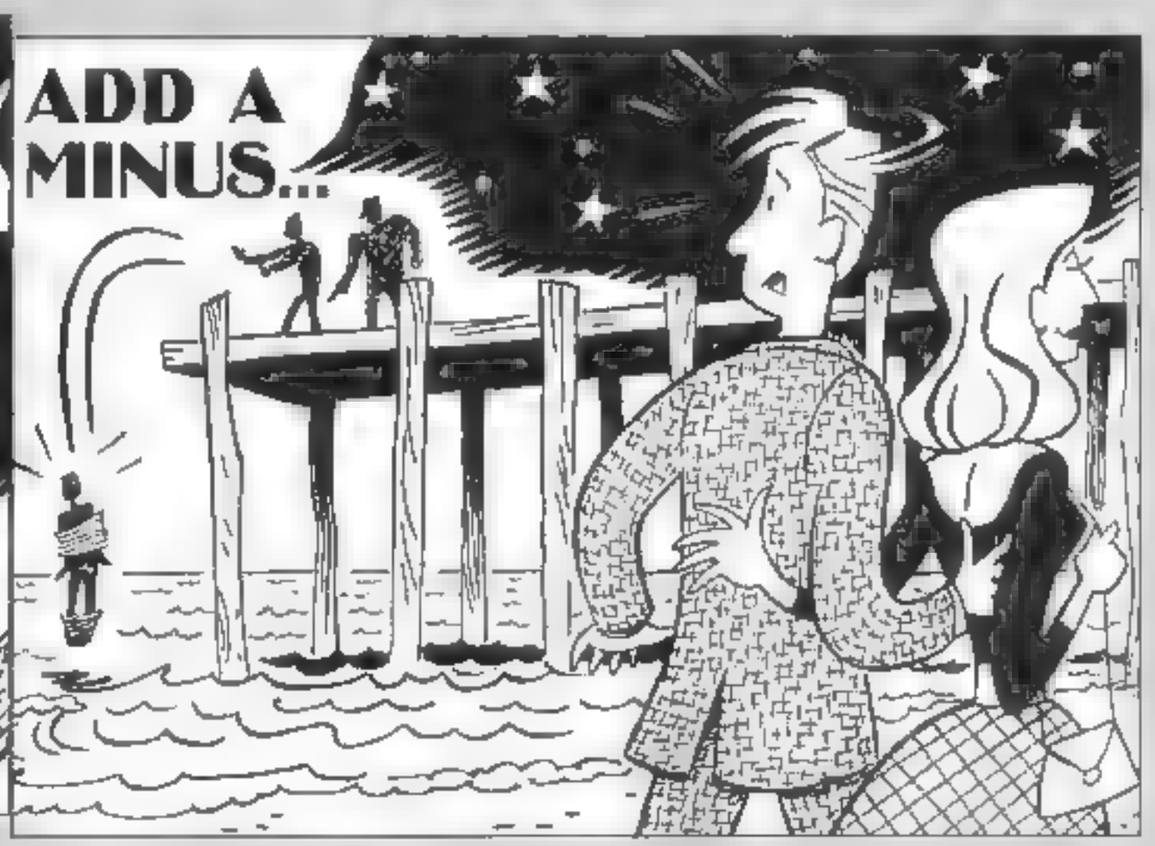
You meet someone, you go on a couple of dates and the next thing you know, you're in a serious re ationship. But only then do you realize that your beloved is actually a manic-depressive with homicidal tendencies who eats like a bird and has an annoying tic! How do you keep getting stuck with these losers? Because you don't plan, schmuck! Instead of carefully weighing the pros and cons of your honey-to-be, you dive head-first into commitment like Rush Limbaugh at a Denny's Grand Slam Breakfast. So before you make the same mistake yet again, get out your pencil and peruse.

ARTIST: CAROL LAY WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN

...if you talk to him on the phone for hours because he's so fascinating.

...if you talk to him on the phone for hours because the cops are tracing his call.

...if she stays up with you all night because she can't get enough of you.

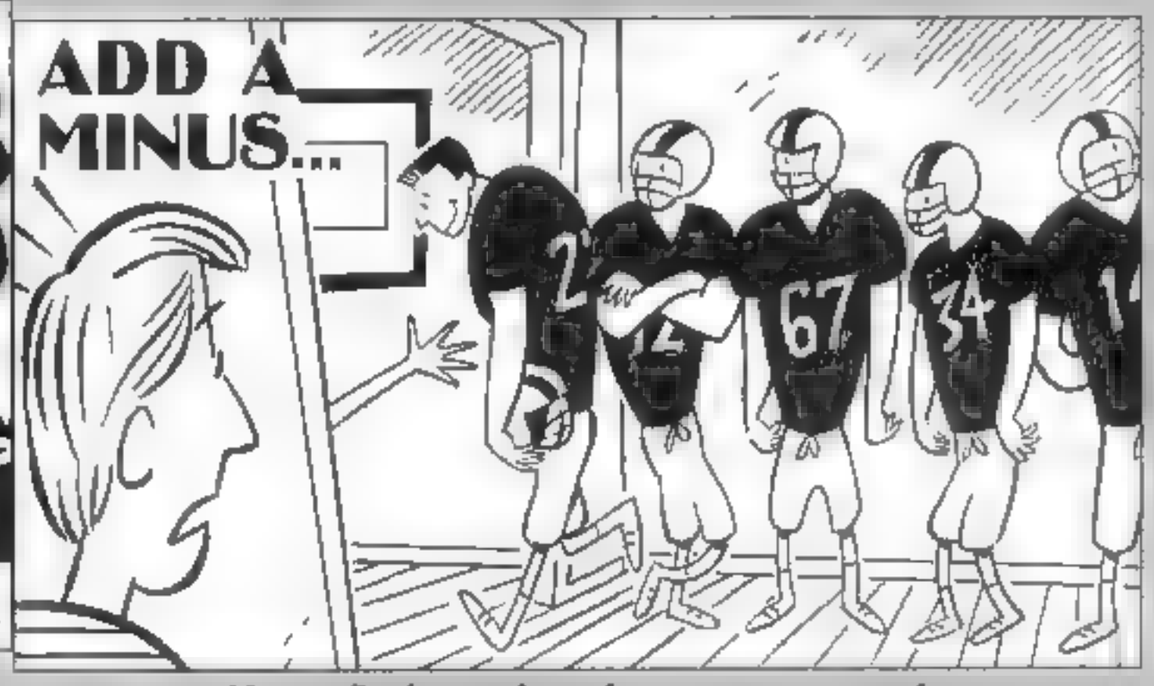


...if she stays up with you all night because she needs an alibi while her husband is being whacked.

...if he brings you home to meet his folks and says,
"This is the woman I want to marry."

...if he brings you home to meet his folks and shrieks,
"See, I told you I'm not gay!"

...if she says she only has a handful
of sexual experiences.



...if you find out that she counts an entire
football team as one experience.

...if he'd like to have kids.

...if he'd like to have kids the way
Michael Jackson likes to have kids.

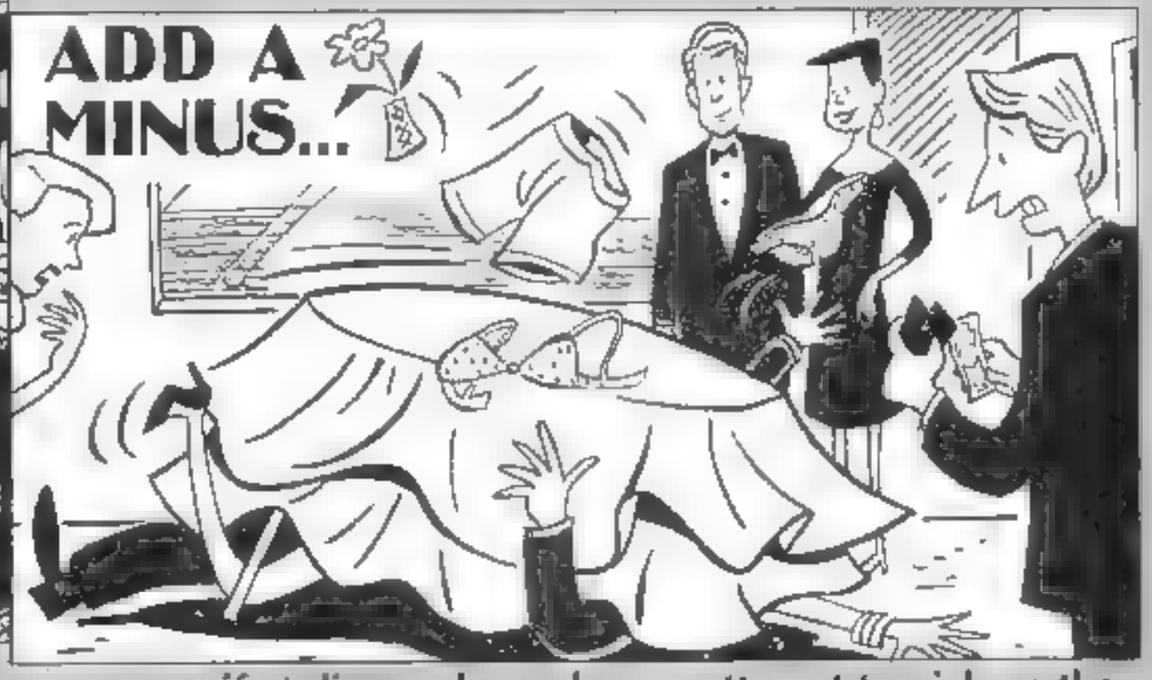
...if she entertains you by saying clever things.

...if she entertains you by taking her teeth out
of her mouth and playing them like castanets.

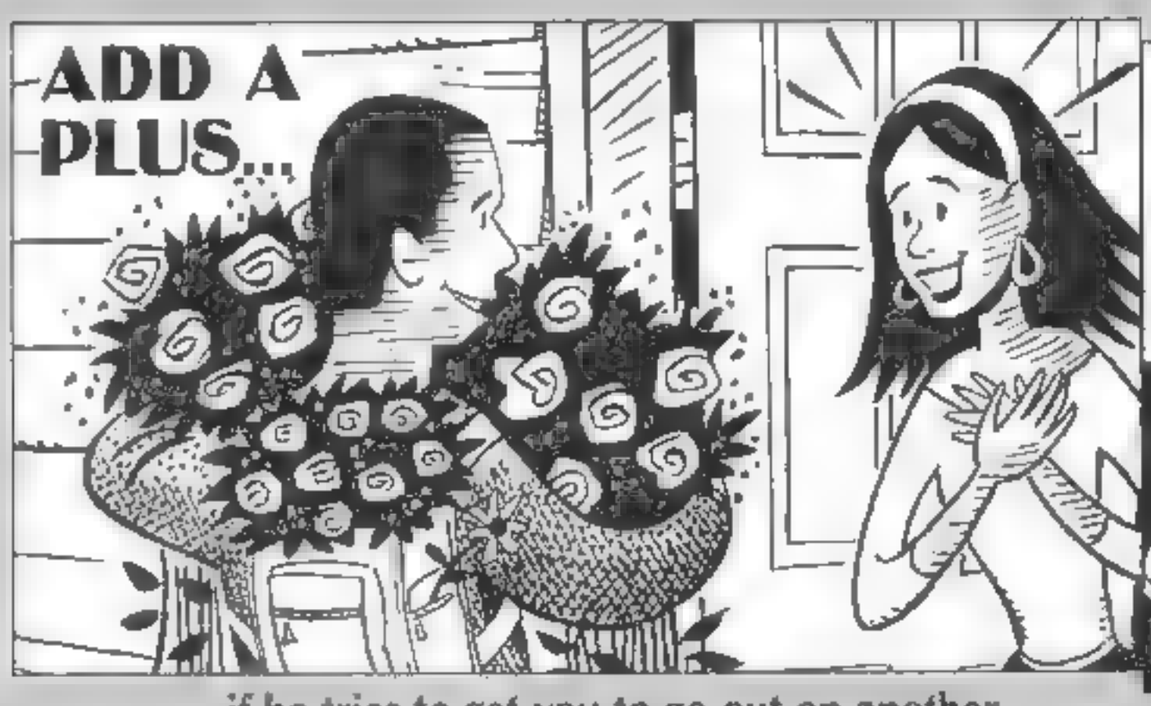
...if he listens attentively to every word you say.

...if he listens attentively to every word you say, even when he's supposedly not around.

...if at dinner she makes an attempt to pick up the check.



...if at dinner she makes an attempt to pick up the waiter...the busboy...the maitre d'...the chef...the bartender...the coat check girl...the janitor...



...if he tries to get you to go out on another date by overwhelming you with flowers.

...if he tries to get you to go out on another date by overwhelming you with a bottle full of chloroform knockout drops.

DATING PLUSES & MINUSES SCORECARD

SCORING

- If you scored even one minus, consider ending your relationship immediately!
- More than three minuses, consider getting yourself on the *Ricki Lake Show!*
- Six or more minuses, you are dating either a member of Britain's Royal Family or a Kennedy. Hang in there! It's bound to pay off!

On May 14, 1787, our Nation's forefathers met to write what would become the backbone of democracy — The United States Constitution. This "living" document has withstood the test of time as an eternal flame in our quest for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. So of course, every nut job out there wants to change it by adding amendments — everything from outlawing

Badly-Needed Constit

INNOCENT
GUILTY
I PRAY A LEGIONS TO THE FLAG OF THE UNTIED SKATES OF A MIRACLE
THIS PRESIDENT IS DOOMED
I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR
BIG ABE
THE RAIN IN SPAIN.

AMENDMENT XXXI

1. The right of trial by jury shall be afforded every citizen, over and over again, until we get the result we want.

AMENDMENT XXXII

1. The right of citizens to make up goofy words that sort of sound like parts of the Pledge of Allegiance shall not be denied or abridged.

AMENDMENT XXXIII

1. No media pronouncement of a "failed Presidency" is permissible until the President has actually completed reciting the oath of office.

AMENDMENT XXXIV

1. No porno film depicting an actor dressed as Abraham Lincoln may be produced.
2. The title of such a film may not be "Horny Abe, the Great Tail-Splitter."
3. No scene in such a film may depict Horny Abe "freeing" three topless 44DD "slaves," or "firing" into "Fort Sumptuous."
4. In the event that such a film is discovered, 535 individual copies shall be made for closer Congressional inspection.

AMENDMENT XXXV

1. In the event that the grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park should ever begin to speak, park rangers are hereby ordered to take all necessary steps to see that the bears speak English.

AMENDMENT XXXVI

1. As stated in Article I, Section 9, no title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States. Furthermore, none shall be recognized by its citizenry. These shall be the only exceptions to the above statute: The Godfather of Soul, The Donald, The Muscles from Brussels, Senator Pothole, The Big Unit, The Queen of Mean, Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, The King of All Media.

flag burning on one end of the extremist spectrum to legalizing any and all drugs on the other! Well, we've listened to afternoon talk radio, checked out the internet newsgroups, scrutinized the smudged fliers left on our windshield and listened intently to that weird, drooling guy with the sandwich board sign outside our offices! They've all contributed to the following cross-section of...

utional Amendments???

ARTIST: RICK TULKA WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

AMENDMENT XXXVII

1. In deference to disabled citizenry, all statues of Franklin Roosevelt shall depict the polio-stricken leader in his wheelchair. However, no statue may be displayed in public showing President Chester A. Arthur and his projectile vomiting "problem."

AMENDMENT XXXVIII

1. Photographs of so-called artists, naked with bullwhips in various orifices, shall not be displayed in any public building or edifice, unless it can be established that the bullwhip was entirely made and sold by American workers.

AMENDMENT XXXIX

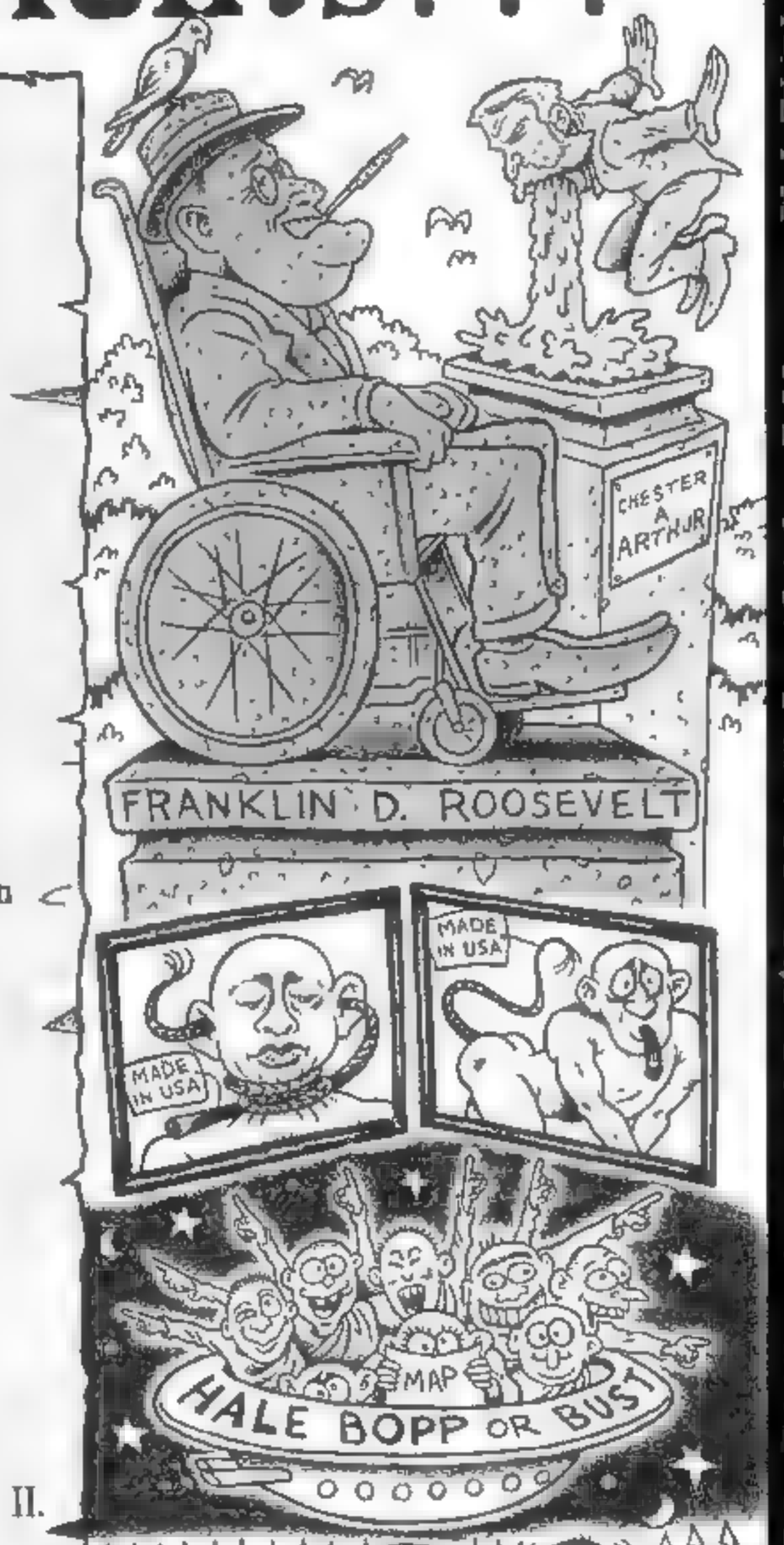
1. As stated in Amendment I, no law shall be made against, nor any restriction or prohibition put upon, any establishment of religion in these United States. Unless it's one of those scary ones. Those aren't so good. We don't get them, do you?

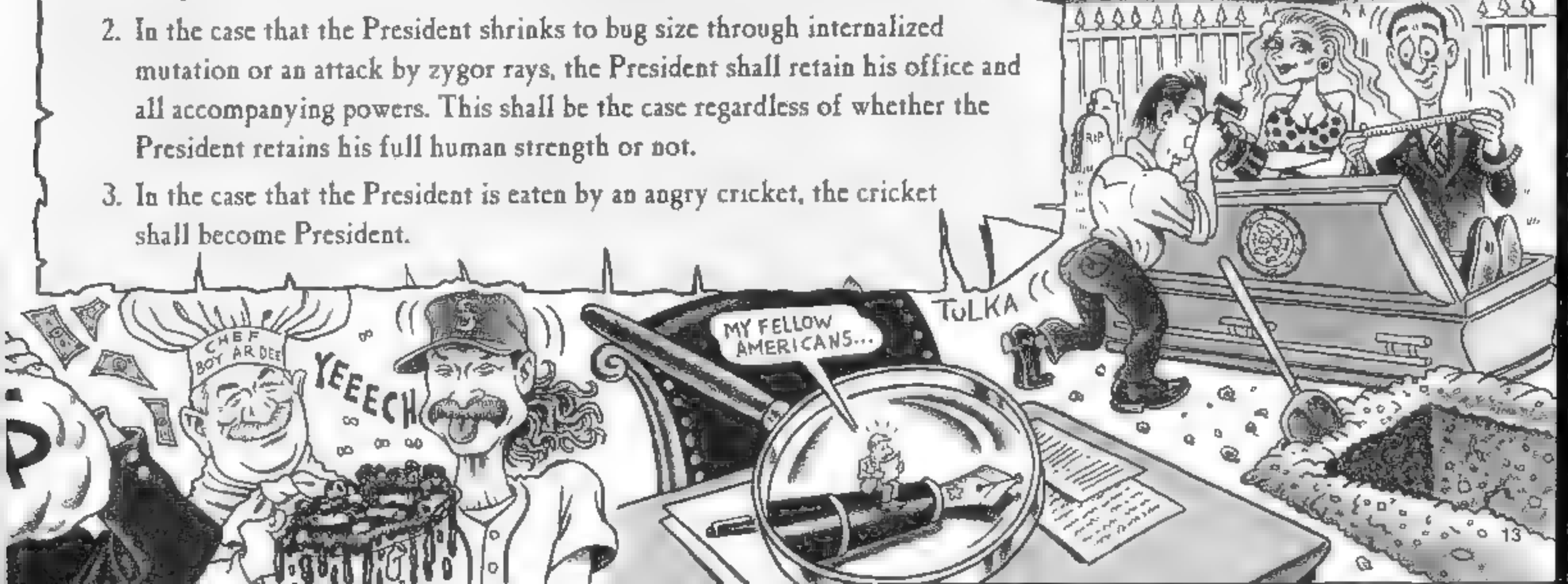
AMENDMENT XL

1. Digging up late Presidents' corpses to examine them for distinguishing marks on their late private parts shall be prohibited.

AMENDMENT XLI

1. In the case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President, as stated in Article II.
2. In the case that the President shrinks to bug size through internalized mutation or an attack by zygor rays, the President shall retain his office and all accompanying powers. This shall be the case regardless of whether the President retains his full human strength or not.
3. In the case that the President is eaten by an angry cricket, the cricket shall become President.





Campaign finance laws set a limit of $1,000 on gifts to individual candidates but not to political parties.

Can you say, "Loophole this big"?

Paula Jones alleges that President Clinton's private parts are "bent..."

HERE COMES THE BRIBE DEPT.:

VH1 has stumbled upon a revolutionary technology that can make even the dullest music videos seem entertaining. Now, if only Brian Lamb and the pea-brained pinheads at C-Span would use the same tried and true format on their mind-numbingly dull programs, they'd have some peppy primetime fare like...

POP UP

Doesn't want any political favors — just wants a date with Janet Reno.

Patented "I feel your pain" lip bite.

BILL CLINTON FUNDRAISING VIDEOS

VIDEO CAPTURE: DAVID P. LEVIN WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

Wanted more than just a Presidential handshake, but refused to pony up the $250,000 for the "Be Part of a Bill Clinton Threesome"!

POP UP BILL CLINTON

FUNDRAISING VIDEOS

Famed Watergate felon G. Gordon Liddy used to impress White House visitors with his toughness by holding his hand over a lit candle...

...Clinton does the same thing—without a candle.

Describing what awaits horny male donors who give more than $100,000.

Remembers the day his Grandpa greased Warren G. Harding's palm on this very spot back in 1922.

Really does want cream and sugar in his coffee, but can't afford the extra $10,000 donation.

The White House produced 90 hours of Fundraising Videos. Not one of them was picked as an MTV Buzz Clip!

President Clinton frequently thanks Little Rock "supporters" for not taking their story to the tabloids.

In 1997 President Clinton was fitted with a high-tech hearing aid...

...It inexplicably "breaks" whenever advisors mention possible ethical breaches surrounding these coffee klatches.

DÉJÀ REVIEWS DEPT.

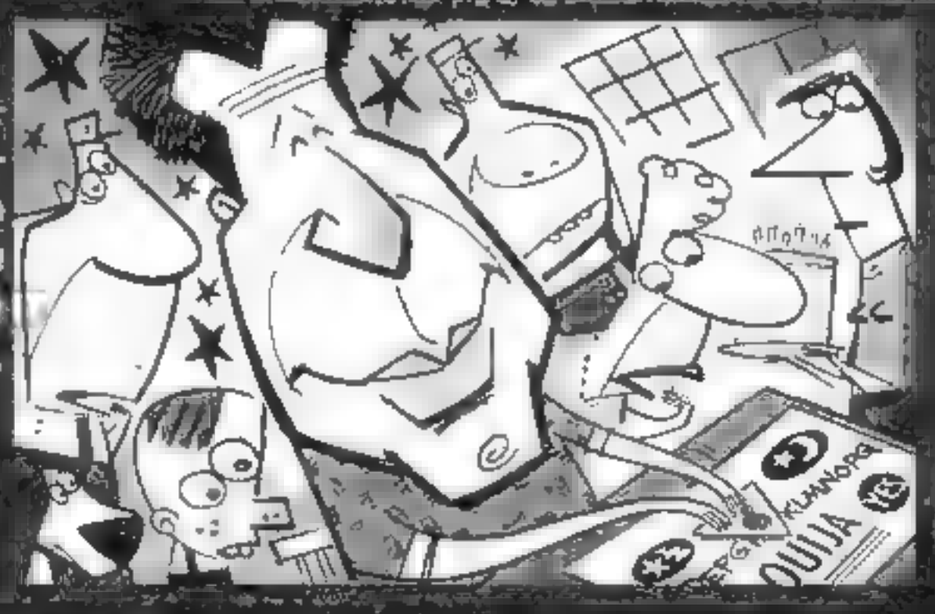
Taxes, Halley's Comet, the AFC losing the Super Bowl. Some things are so predictable, you can bet the house on 'em. And with all the re-hashed, formulaic, cookie-cutter, written-on-a-Xerox-machine films Hollywood keeps dumping on us these days, you can safely predict with Jeanne Dixon-like accuracy what'll be playing at your local theater months before it hits the screen! Don't believe us? Check out...

MAD'S 1998 MOVIE PREVIEW

SPRING

Martin Scorsese-directed movie where Joe Pesci kicks the crap out of someone while wearing a really, really, really bad toupee.

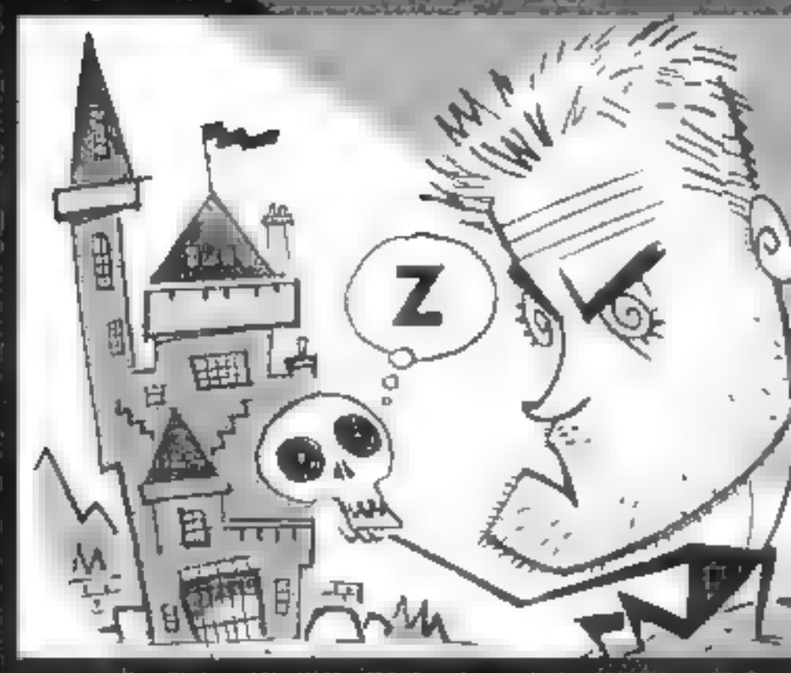
The once-great-turned-annoying-turned-great-again John Travolta starting to turn annoying again.



Adam Sandler acting like a complete dickweed and getting paid for it.

FALL

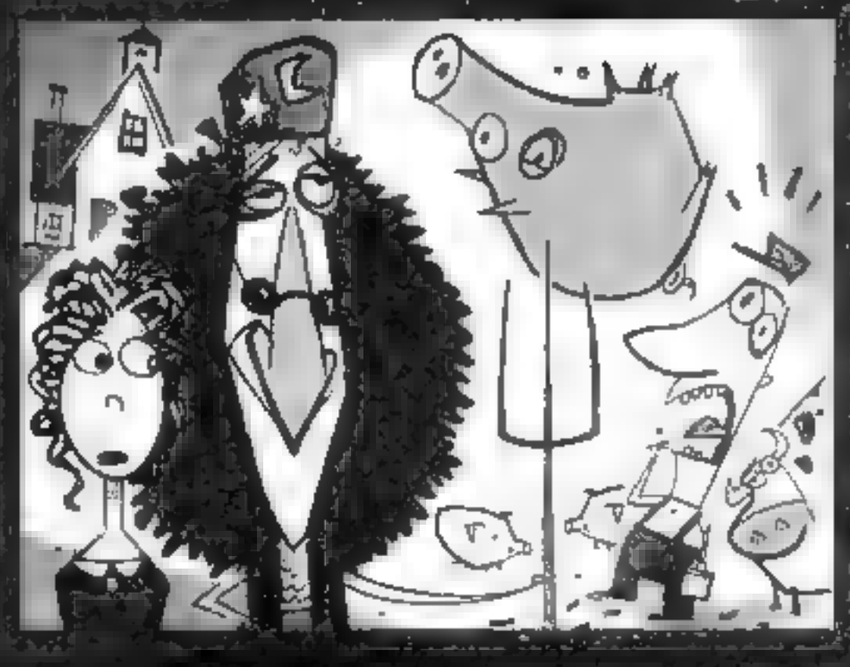
Winona Ryder playing yet another woman from another era where she looks like an Amish fashion model and acts like Sally Field in *The Flying Nun*.



SUMMER

Disney's latest bloated, formulaic, Andrew Lloyd Webberish, soon to be on a McDonald's cup near you, over-publicized, under-developed, didn't-the-Little-Mermaid-sing-that-already, Robin-Williams-shut-the-hell-up, is-that-the-guy-from-*Seinfeld*-or-*Home Improvement*, hey-we-can't-help-it-if-all-14-year-old-Indian-princesses-look-like-supermodels, animated, mega-plex mall-product.

Another Jack Ryan movie where Tom Clancy complains publicly about how his awful book was turned into an awful movie.



Pauly Shore acting like a complete dickweed, and getting paid for it.

WINTER

Eddie Murphy and Michael Keaton continuing to be less funny, less popular and not-half-as-cute-as-they-apparently-seem-to-think-they-are.

Kenneth Branagh continuing his faux Shakespeare drenched quest to put more people to sleep than Dr. Kevorkian.

Non-violent, no nudity, all-yakking, "chick flick" whine-fest starring three women too old to play hookers in real movies.

The Wayans brothers acting like complete dickweeds and getting paid for it.

Eric Stoltz acting like a complete dickweed, and not getting paid very much at all.

ARTIST: BOB STAAKE
WRITER: RUSS COOPER

SPY VS SPY

BY KUPER

ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER

TOP SECRET

DANGER QUICK-SAND

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DANGER QUICK-SAND

Everybody knows the bait and switch scam – promise the customer one thing and give them another! And no one pulls the ol' switcheroo more often than the weasels in the magazine business! Their covers promise provocative articles, quality entertainment and vital information! Too bad all they give is dull stories, useless trivia and ads, ads, ads! But leave it to us, the stalwarts of justice, the defenders of freedom, the rare non-weasels of the magazine business (who, by the way, don't accept ads!), to expose this sordid practice and tell you what it would be like...

if MAGAZINE COVERS *told the* TRUTH *about* WHAT'S INSIDE

seventeen
March 1998
The Latest Trends For You to Slavishly Follow In Order to Show Your "Individuality"
All-New Hair, Skin and Complexion Problems to Worry About – and Lotsa Crap That Our Advertisers Claim Will Fix Them!
Meaningless Quiz That'll Start a Huge Fight Between You and Your Boyfriend
Horoscope from Two Years Ago With the Dates Changed (Like it Really Matters!)
Photos of Impossible-To-Live-Up-To Supermodels for You to Make Yourself Sick Over

WIRED
March 1998
Our 6th annual editorial about how the
News by, for and about
pasty-faced cyber-geeks
Addresses of Cool New Websites That'll Be Swamped With Other *Wired* Readers Before You Can Say "Sheep"!
35,000 Lines of Completely Unreadable Type
Jargon We Just Made Up So You'll Think We're More Techno-Savvy Than You
4.95 / Canada

ATTITUDE, ATTITUDE & NO SUBSTANCE!

Details

March 1998

23 articles with "...for the '90s" in the title

PAGES AND PAGES OF PHOTOS OF GENERATION-XERS POUTING AND SNEERING!

EXTRA-SPLASHY GRAPHICS
(SO YOU WON'T NOTICE THAT THEY'RE 90% ADVERTISING!)

ANOTHER LETTERS PAGE WAR BETWEEN PRO-SPICE GIRLS AND ANTI-SPICE GIRLS FORCES

RollingStone

HOT BLACK HIP-HOP ARTIST WE PUT ON THE COVER TO KEEP FROM LOSING MORE READERS TO *THE SOURCE*

ADS FOR CARS, CLOTHES AND SOUND SYSTEMS YOU CAN'T AFFORD

COMPLETE RUNDOWN OF ALL THE MUSICIANS WHO'VE OD'D SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

THE LATEST SICKLY, ANOREXIC CALVIN KLEIN MODELS

Lots of Flowery Language to Describe Big, Sweaty Guys Bumping Into Each Other

Sports Illustrated

Umpteenth Christian athlete explaining why God helped his team win

Article criticizing "showboating" athletes who we'd never write about if they didn't "showboat"

TV GUIDE

100th Star Trek Feature
or the Year, Just to Trek in Trekkies

Gushing Profile of Young Actor You Never Heard of (who just happens to be on a FOX show)

This Week's "Kathie Lee Responds to Her Critics" Piece

Crossword Puzzle so Easy Your Dog Could Do It!

INSIDE:
Latest Racist Remark Yet from Chris Farley
Gillian Anderson

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, ROLLING STONE & DETAILS PHOTOS: AP/WORLDWIDE PHOTOS
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

THE STORY OF CR IN CHAT

Religious leaders have been worried for years about each generation's declining interest in faith and holiness. But nowadays, their plight is even worse! 1990s kids spend so much time surfing the Net, they don't have the time or inclination to head to their local house of worship! So how can religiosos get their message to today's youth? By putting the whole God thing into a context that Gen Xers can understand! First up...

Online Host:	*** You are in "Endless Void." ***
	People in Room(1) Mr. Big
Mr. Big:	Hi there.
Mr. Big:	Oops, I forgot.
Online Host:	Light has entered the room.
Online Host:	Earth has entered the room
Online Host.	Vegetation has entered the room.
Online Host:	Beast&Bird has entered the room.
Mr Big:	This is good.
Beast&Bird:	Moo. Quack. Oink. Grrrrr. Ook ook.
Mr. Big·	Does anybody in here have any topics?
Beast&Bird·	Growl. Chirp. Squeak
Mr Big:	Press 1 if you think long white beards are cool.
Beast&Bird·	Bow-wow. Hoot. Awooooooo. Glub glub.
Mr. Big	This SUCKS
Online Host.	Mr Big, you are in violation of your Terms of Agreement.
Mr. Big:	I made you AND your Terms of Agreement.
Online Host:	Sorry. :-)
Mr. Big:	.
Mr. Big:	.
Mr. Big:	I'm bored.
Mr. Big:	<---idea
Online Host.	#1Man has entered the room
#1Man:	Wher is evrybody today?
Mr. Big:	{{{{{#1Man}}}}}}
#1Man:	Any hot chicks in here?
Mr. Big:	Uh, no.
#1Man:	Age/sex check
Mr. Big:	I am without form and beyond all time.
#1Man·	I like big boobs. Can I rub yurs?
Mr Big·	I'd better do something here.
#1Man·	Zzzzzzzzzzz
Online Host	RibGirl has entered the room.
RibGirl:	Hi!
Mr. Big:	{{{RibGirl}}}
RibGirl	;)
#1Man:	Any gals, 5 minutes old, wanna chat?
Online Host:	Wigglyguy has entered the room.
Wigglyguy·	sssssssssssssssssssssss
Wigglyguy:	Sorry, my "s" key was stuck.
Wigglyguy:	<- --pointing at delicious apple
RibGirl.	Mmmmm *apples* -O -O -O -O
#1Man:	<----reaching for appil

#1Man:	
RibGirl:	
Mr. Big:	
Wigglyguy:	
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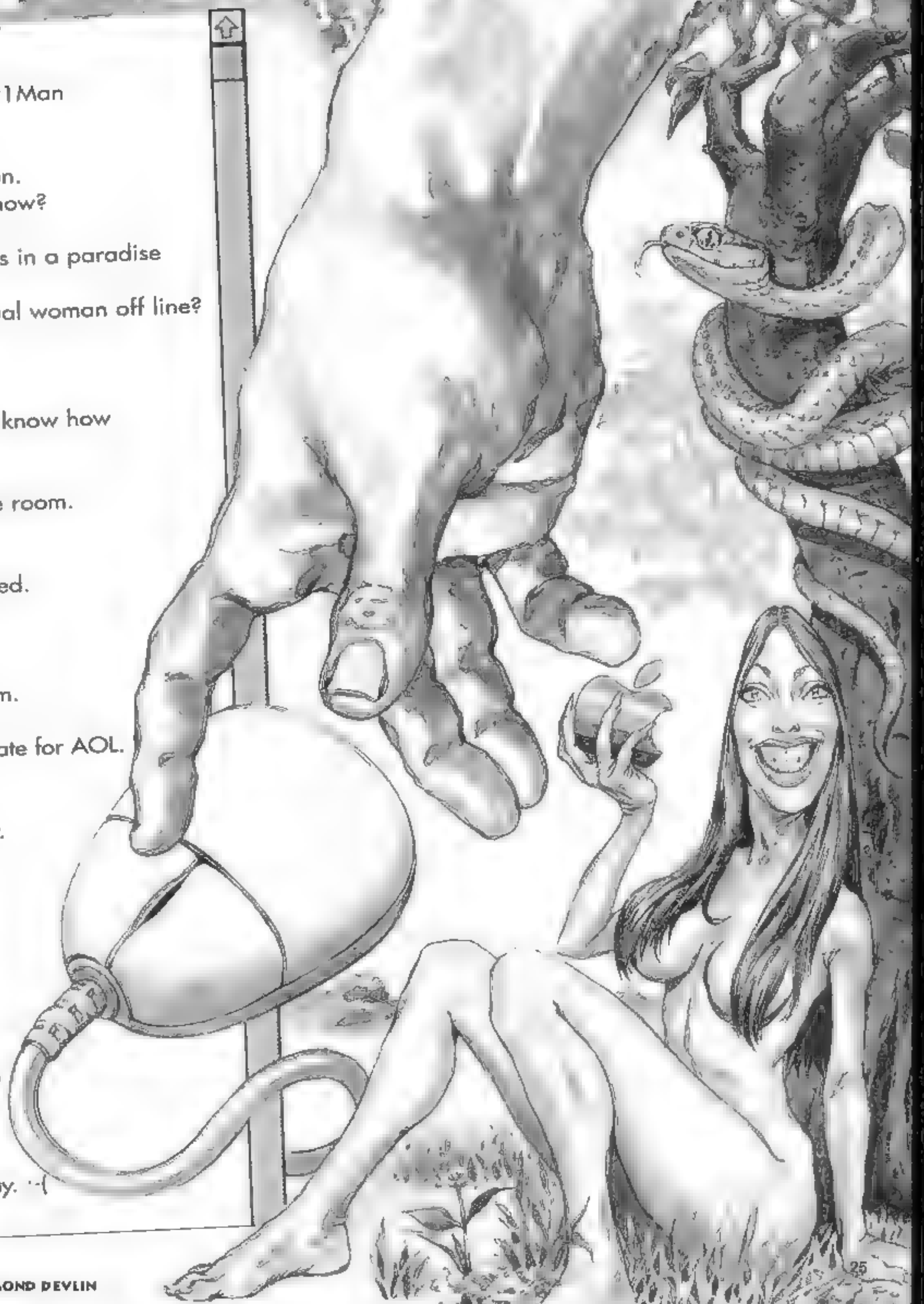
Mr.Big:	

EATION RE*TOLD A ROOM

Let me hav a bite.
<----downloading bite of apple to #1Man
Okay, losers, get out of this room.
LOL
Eating that apple is a GOD violation.
Wait. How were we supposed to know?
Hmmph. Newbies.
But we could have lived all our lives in a paradise
ROFL
Are u sure u want to throw an actual woman off line?
Good point. You can stay.
What's the topic?
I like guys who are into acoustic
music, who write poetry, and who know how
to listen.
I like giant hooters.
Close enough. Let's go to a private room.
RibGirl has left the room.
#1Man has left the room.
Great, now I'm back where I started.
RibGirl has entered the room.
#1Man has entered the room.
First Born has entered the room.
Abel4004BC has entered the room.
That was fast work.
Hey, we're still paying the hourly rate for AOL.
Too many kids on today------ bye
Wigglyguy has left the room.
All that cybursex mad me hungry.
Any more appils?
Type 1 if you like farming
1
1
1
Stop polling
1
1
STOP POLLING NOBODY CARES
1
Stop it or I'll kill you
1
I should've stopped on the fifth day. :-(



ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.

MONROE &...

You roll sixteen tons and what do you get? A damn hernia! Get to work with your

VIDEO

Sixty-five dollars for a stupid video game! You can just forget it!

But I neeeed it!

CHU'S SHOES

HELP WANTED

Uh...excuse me. I saw the sign that said you were hiring.

You tink you know somethink about shoes?

You sell shoe to Mrs. Hangletoes! You do now!!!

Uh... okay, dude.

It means WE RULE THE FOOD COURT!!!

Hey, Zorba, rule THIS!

EAT * DRINK

SANDWICH BOY

Why don't you come over here and say that, Sandwich Boy!

Eat me!

EAT * DRINK

SANDWICH BOY

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

THE NEW JOB

old pal, Monroe as he joins the day-to-day grind! It's maximum fun meets minimum wage!

If you need it so bad, why don't you go out and earn some money like I have to do!

Gee, I don't know if I'd be any good at emptying out some sap's wallet while they're asleep in my bed!

Yuck it up, Smartguy. Make sure you earn enough for a bus ride home!

FINE!!!

CRACK+BARREL

NORDSTRO

Look here, Sonny Jim, I can get into a size four! I just need you to drain this blister!

I'll be right back.

FOOD COURT

This is "Souvlaki KING" Do you understand what that means?

Uh...no.

Souvlaki King

TOMAIN

EAT DRINK

SANDWICH BOY

First thing you do is clean up gyro drippings. Then you go and cut out the heart of the infidel Sandwich Boy, yes?

Uh...I'm going on my break now!

LEVEL2

Okay, try it like this: "HIII! Welcome to the GAAAAP! How are YOOOOOU Today?"

I don't think I can do this.

BAGGIE ASS FI 50% OFF SALE

GAP

BRAD

Sure you can! We're all friends here!

That's right! And after work we're all going over to Bill the manager's apartment and watch some videos about the Bible.

Please leave me alone!

LEVEL 3

VICTORIA'S SECRET

Do you have any experience in clothing sales?

I worked at The Gap for an hour.

Oooo, they're good! Let's get you started.

Excuse me. Does this fit in the back?

Ni...gulp...nice. So very, VERY nice. Excuse me...

Monroe, this is your third bathroom break in an hour. Are you okay?

Uh...uh, I'll be right out.

So, how was your first day of work?

I got a job at Victoria's Secret, and they were working me to death!

Victoria's Secret? That's great! Well, I hope you're working tomorrow! I have a big date with Steve and there's a few lacy things I'd like you to pick up for me with your employee discount.

AAAHHHHH!!!!!

BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

JUSTICE

I'm **sorry** Mrs. Wessel, but I **can't excuse** you from **jury duty** because you "can **predict** the **outcome** of this case"! You have **no proof** that you're **psychic!**
That's my **proof,** Your Honor! I **knew** you were going to say those **exact words!**

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

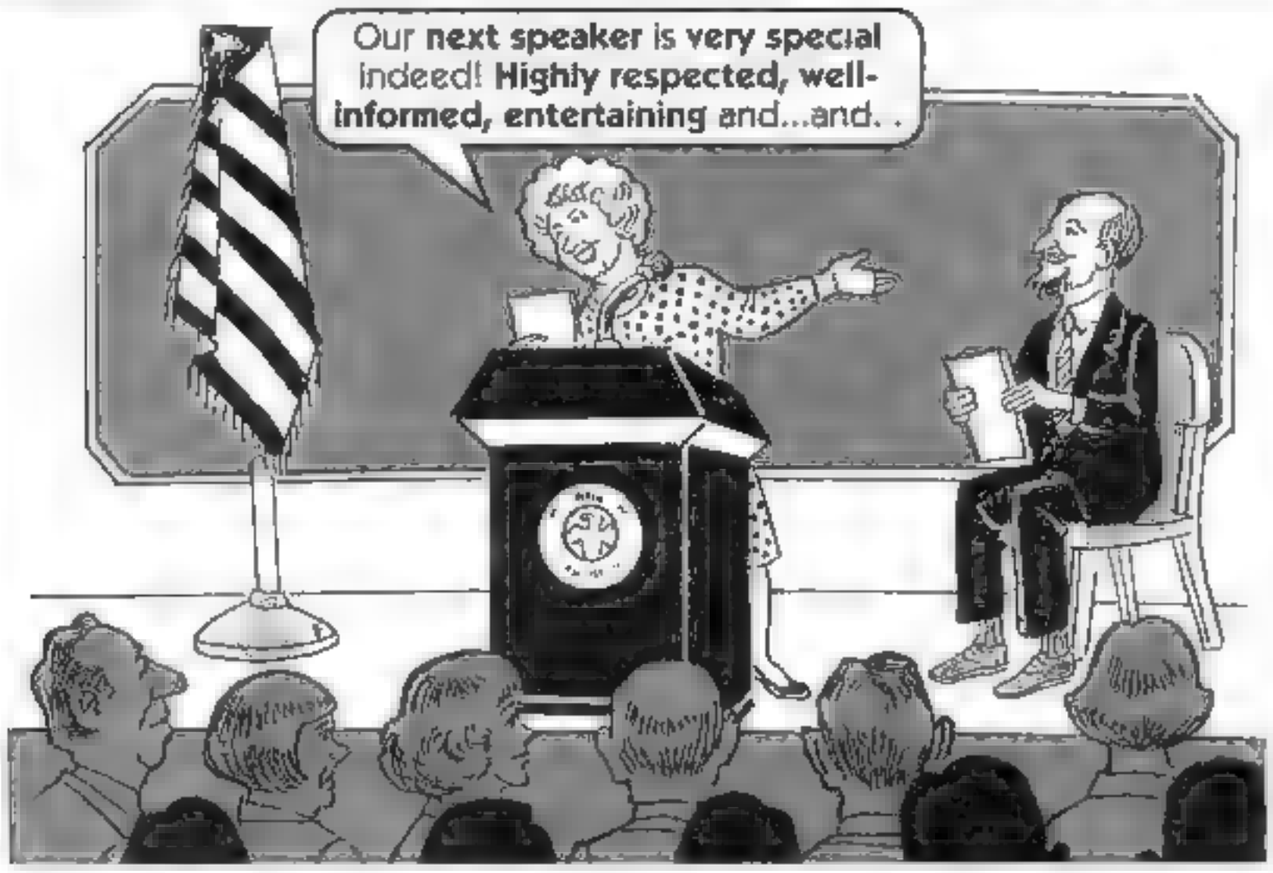
FEAR

You've got an **infection** from getting that **tattoo!** But this **shot** of **antibiotics** will **knock** it **out!**
Oh, God! Can't you **give it** to me in **pill form?**
I **hate needles!**

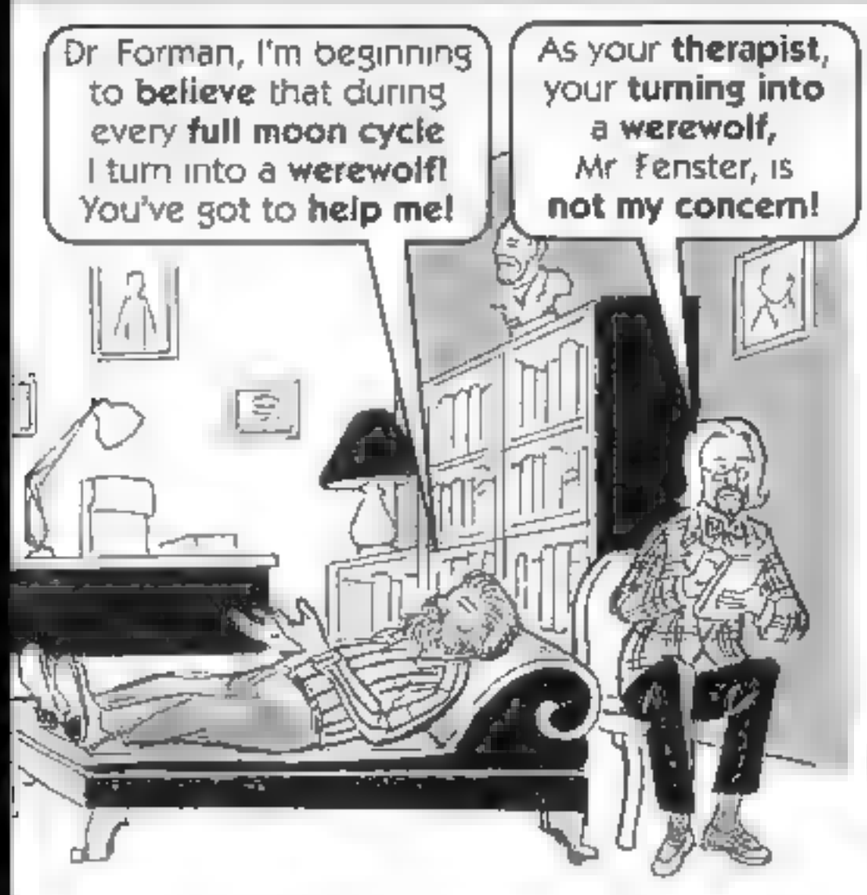
WEDDINGS

I wonder if I'm **making** a **mistake** getting **married** today!
You **gotta** be **kidding,** Amy! What's **going on** in your **head?**
Everybody in the **wedding party** has been **divorced!**

INTRODUCTIONS



THERAPY


Dr Forman, I'm beginning to **believe** that during every **full moon cycle** I turn into a **werewolf!** You've got to **help me!**
As your **therapist,** your **turning into** a **werewolf,** Mr Fenster, is **not my concern!**

DIETS

I tell you Wendy, this new **"cutting down" weight loss system** I'm on is going to make the **pounds drop off** my body like **water!**
So I guess **splitting** a **pizza** with me for **lunch** is out!
PIZZA

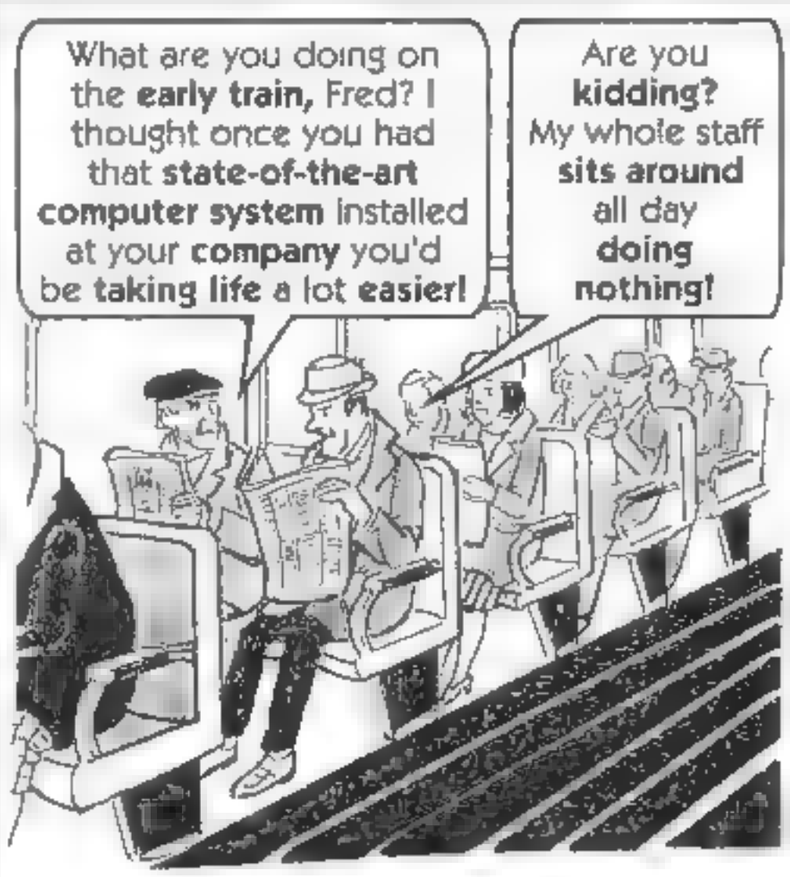
BANKING

Mr. Charney? The **teller** advised me about your **complaint!** I'm sorry, but those **new charges** have been **in effect** since the **first** of **this month!**
Well, I've **had it** with this **bank!** You people have a **charge** for **everything!** I'm **closing out** my **account** right now!

COMMUNICATION

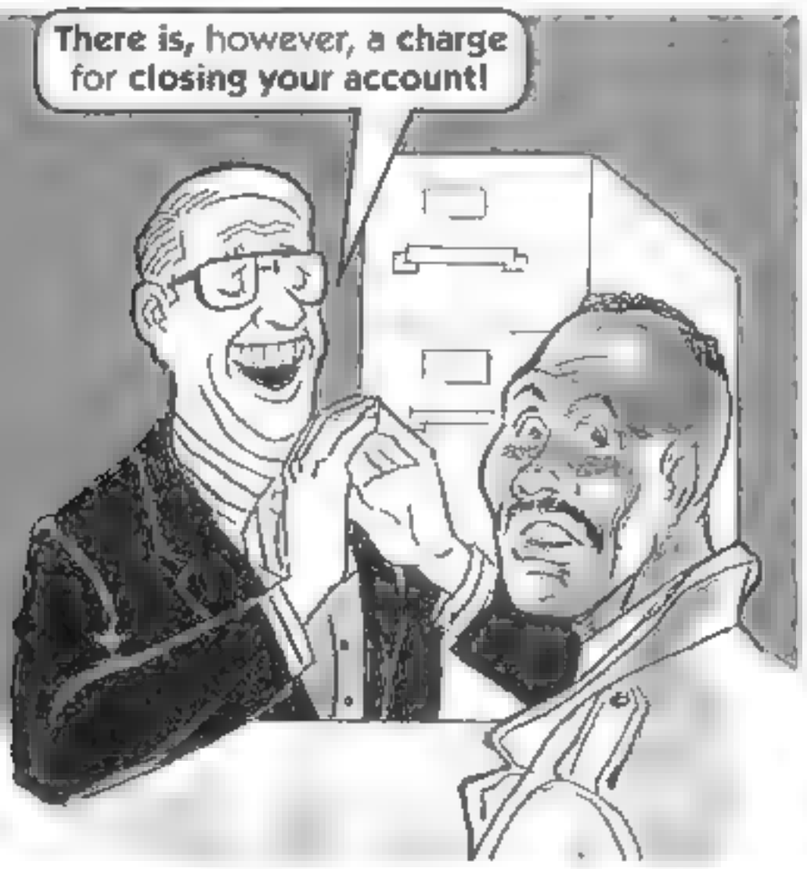
I told you there was nothing to worry about, Roberta! Even though none of our guests knew each other, listen to them in there! They're talking up a storm!

EFFICIENCY


What are you doing on the early train, Fred? I thought once you had that state-of-the-art computer system installed at your company you'd be taking life a lot easier!
Are you kidding? My whole staff sits around all day doing nothing!

They're either waiting for special instructors to show up to teach them how to use it or for a repairman to come fix it!
THE NEWS

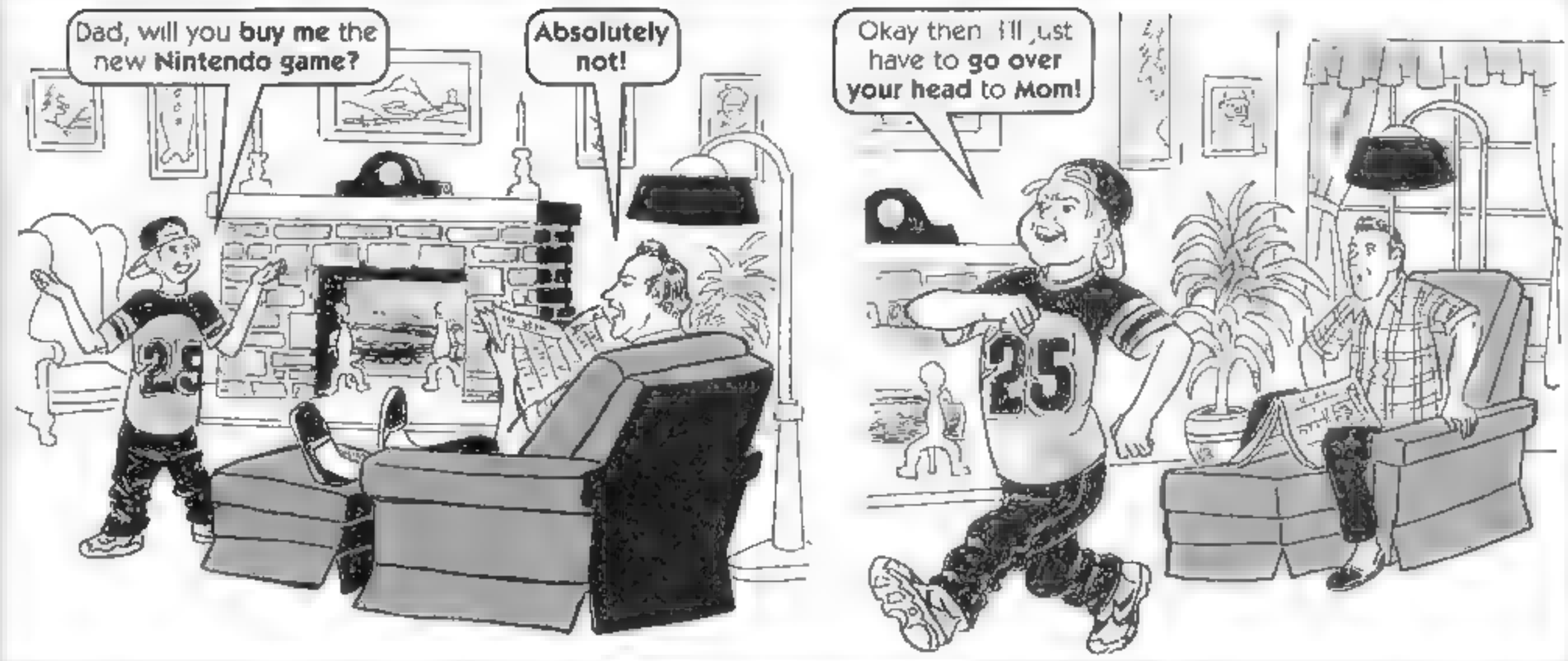
RELATIONSHIPS



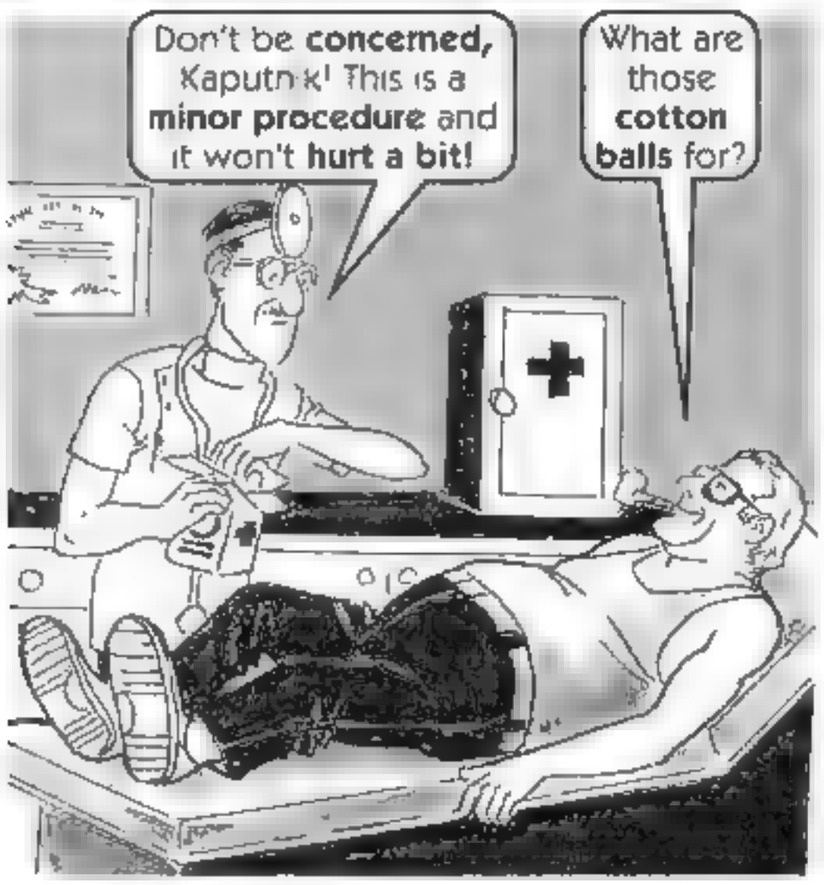
THE OFFICE

I've come to the **decision** that I should be **paid** exactly what I'm **worth** to this **organization!**
We're **sorry,** Joe, but **company policy prohibits** us from doing **that!**
The law says we have to **pay** at least **minimum wage!**

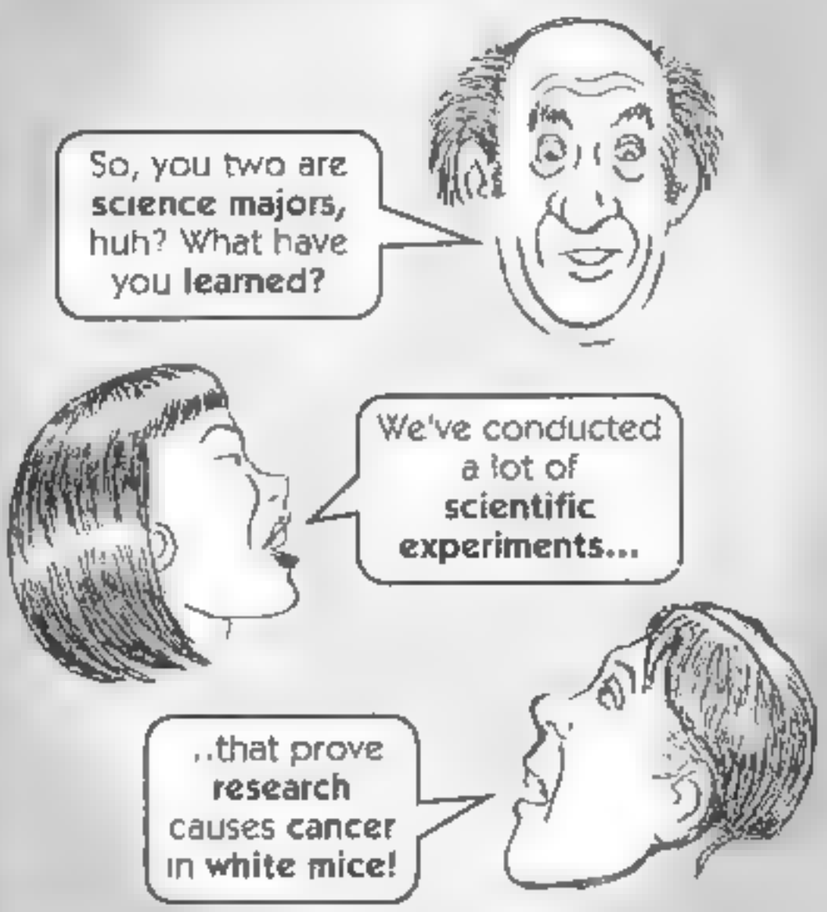
POWER



DOCTORS



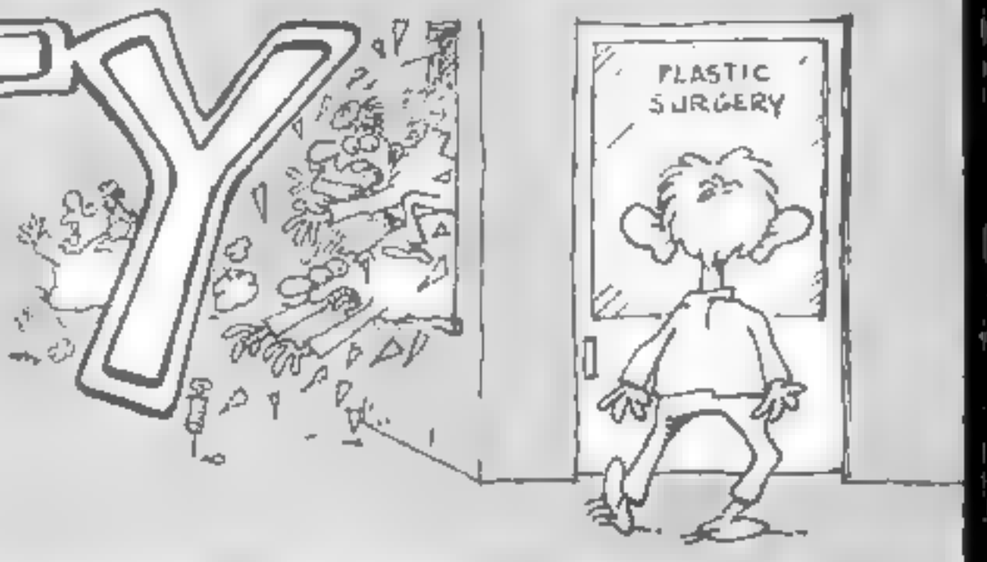
EDUCATION


So, you two are **science majors,** huh? What have you **learned?**
We've conducted a lot of **scientific experiments...**
..that prove **research** causes **cancer** in **white mice!**

David Ber

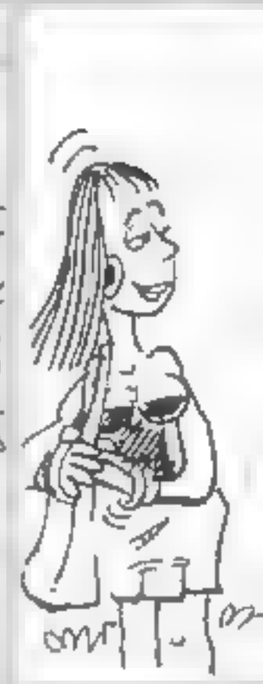
A MAD LOOK AT VANITY

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



HAIR COLOR

STRETCH



DIET

CHRISTEN
AGENCY
MODELS
NEEDED

PLASTIC
SURGEON

RHINOPLASTY
PLASTIC
SURGEON

LIPOSUCTION
SPECIALISTS

SHOES

SHOES

SHOES

STUDIO
SOAP

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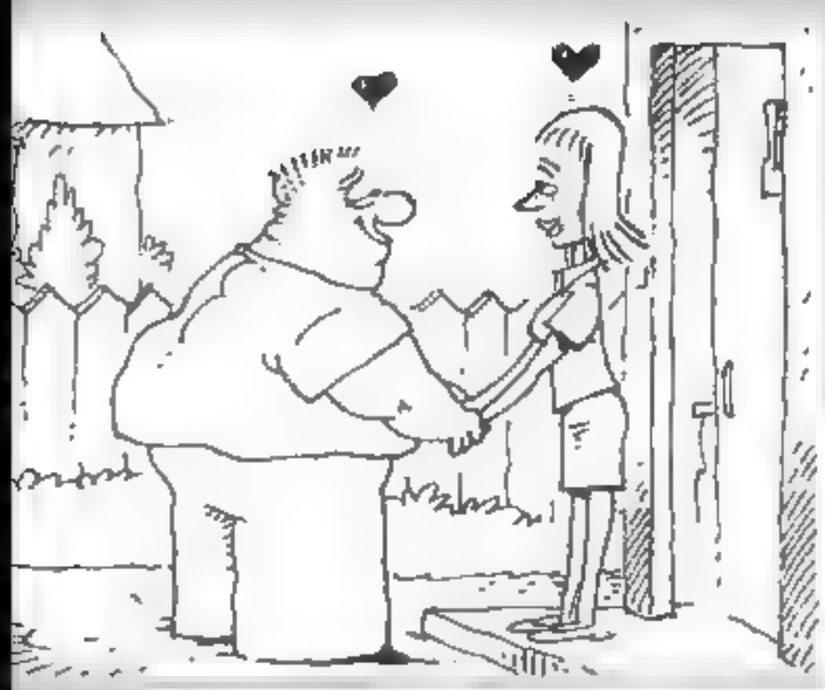

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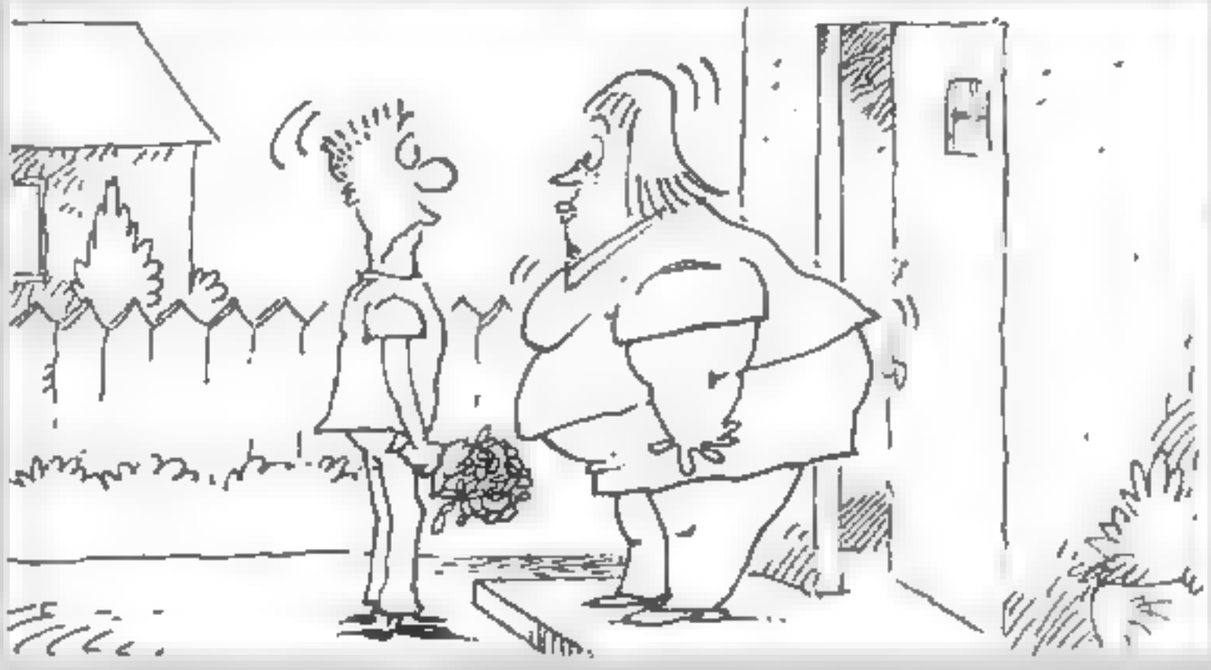


HAIR TRANSPLANTS
the HAIR CLUB

PLASTIC SURGERY
DR. SCOTT ALIVE

TRIP TEASE DEPT.

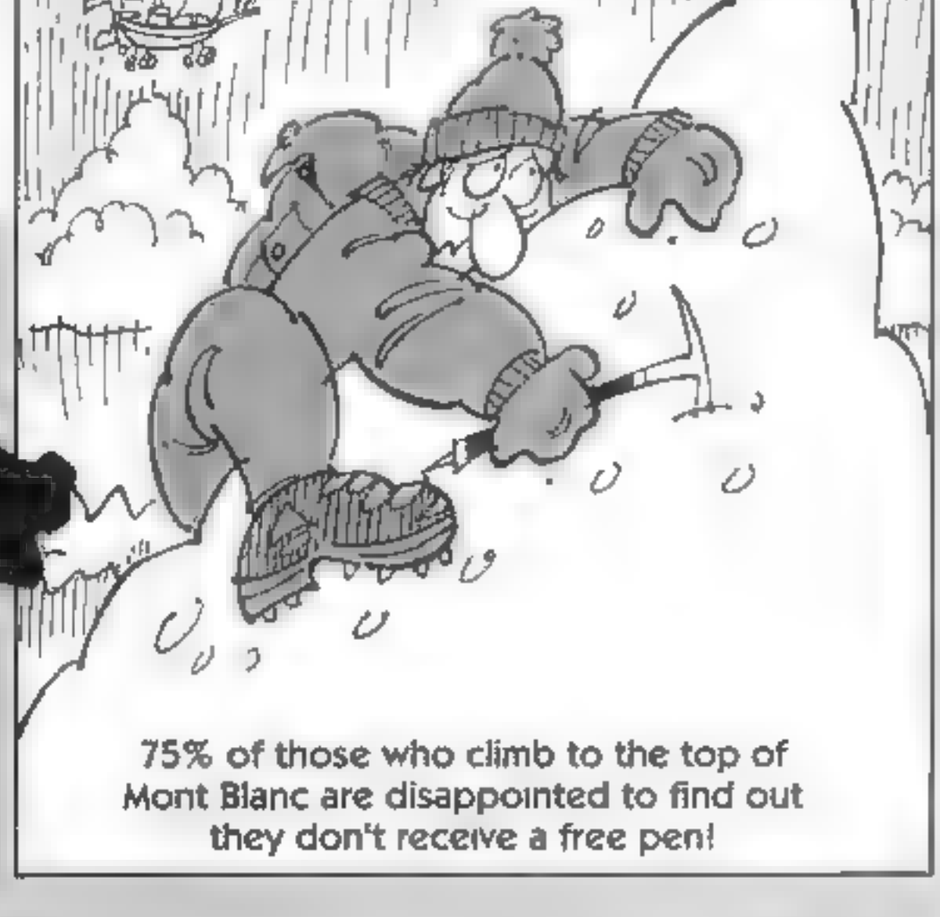
So you're headed abroad for a little jaunt on the Continent, eh? Guess that means your idea of relaxation is hanging out with people who are supposedly so "high-class" they pronounce "tomato" with snooty accents like "to-*mah*-to," yet somehow still haven't mastered the concept of daily bathing! Well, if we can't talk you out of going, you might as well spend a few minutes boning up on these...

Little Known Facts About Europe's HOTTEST TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

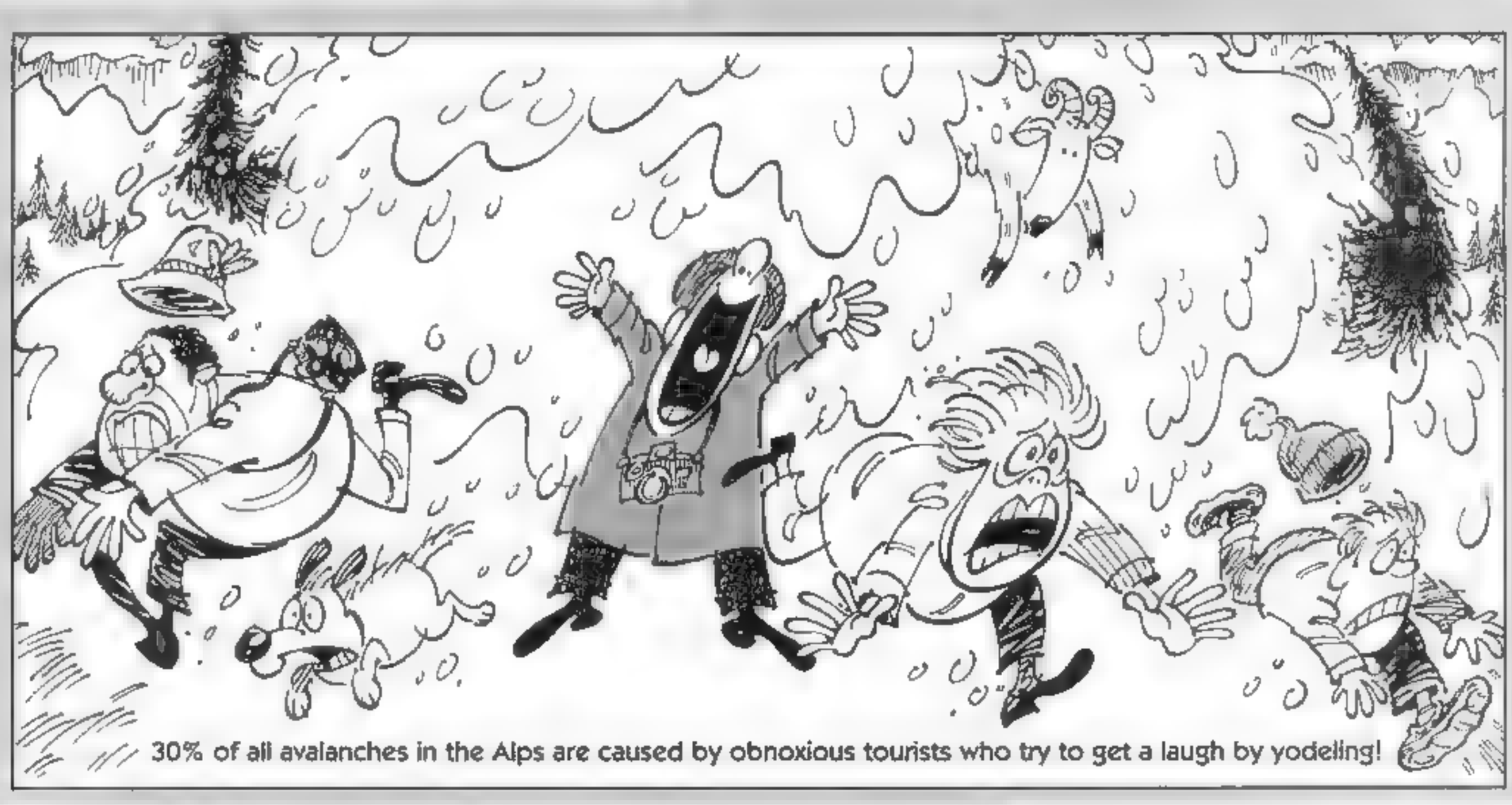
ARTIST: PAUL COKER
WRITER: ANDREW J. SCHWARTZBERG

Though not immediately obvious because of the exchange rate, renting skis in St. Moritz costs about as much as purchasing a new Cadillac with diamond-studded hubcaps!

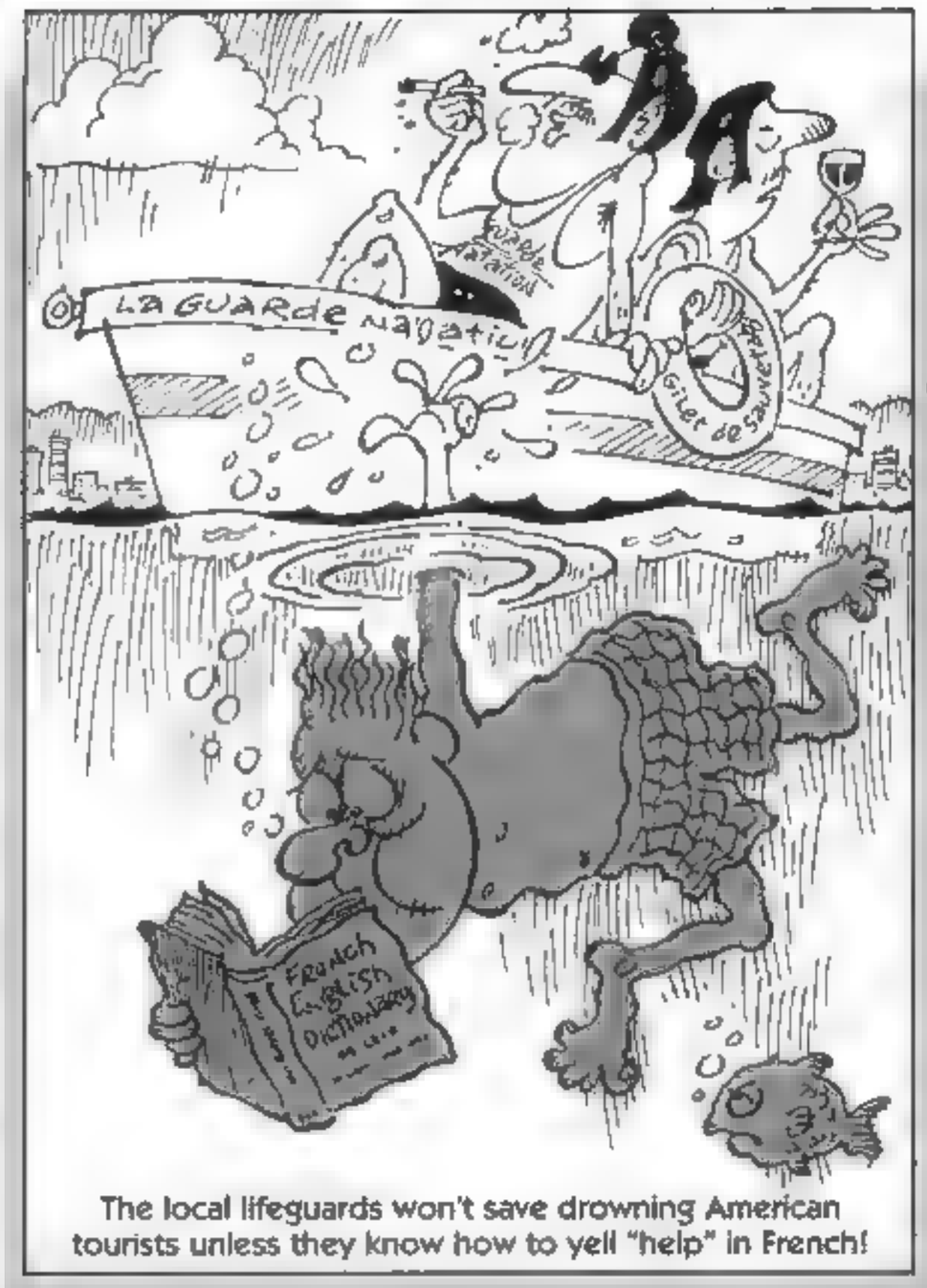
The Alps
SWITZERLAND



75% of those who climb to the top of Mont Blanc are disappointed to find out they don't receive a free pen!



30% of all avalanches in the Alps are caused by obnoxious tourists who try to get a laugh by yodeling!

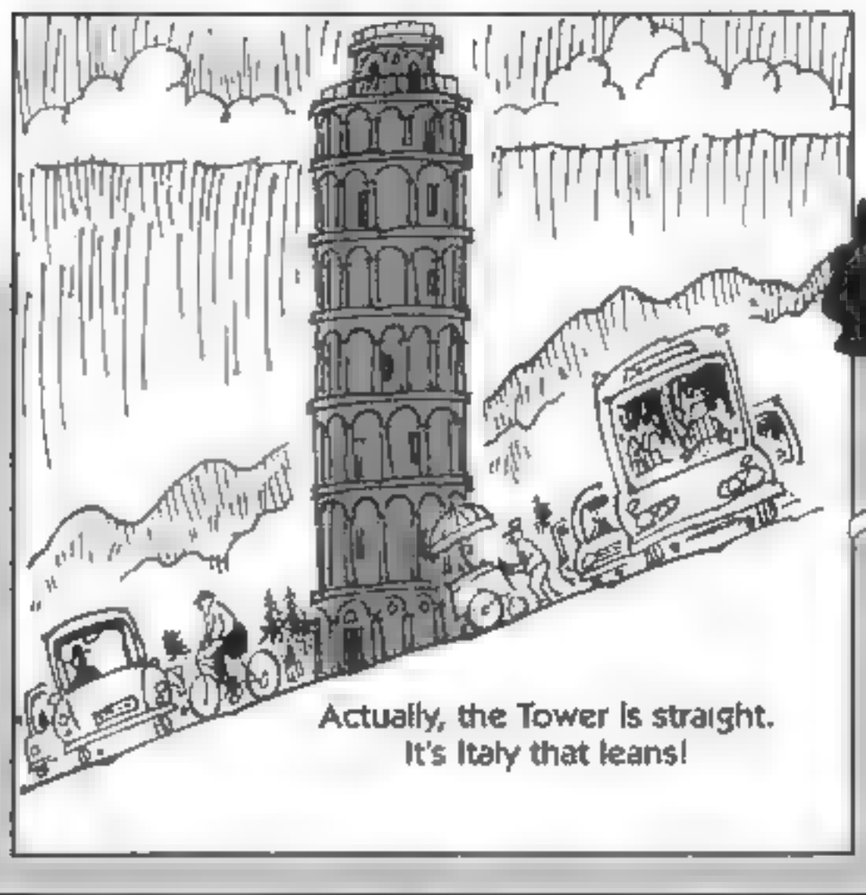


The local lifeguards won't save drowning American tourists unless they know how to yell "help" in French!

The French Riviera

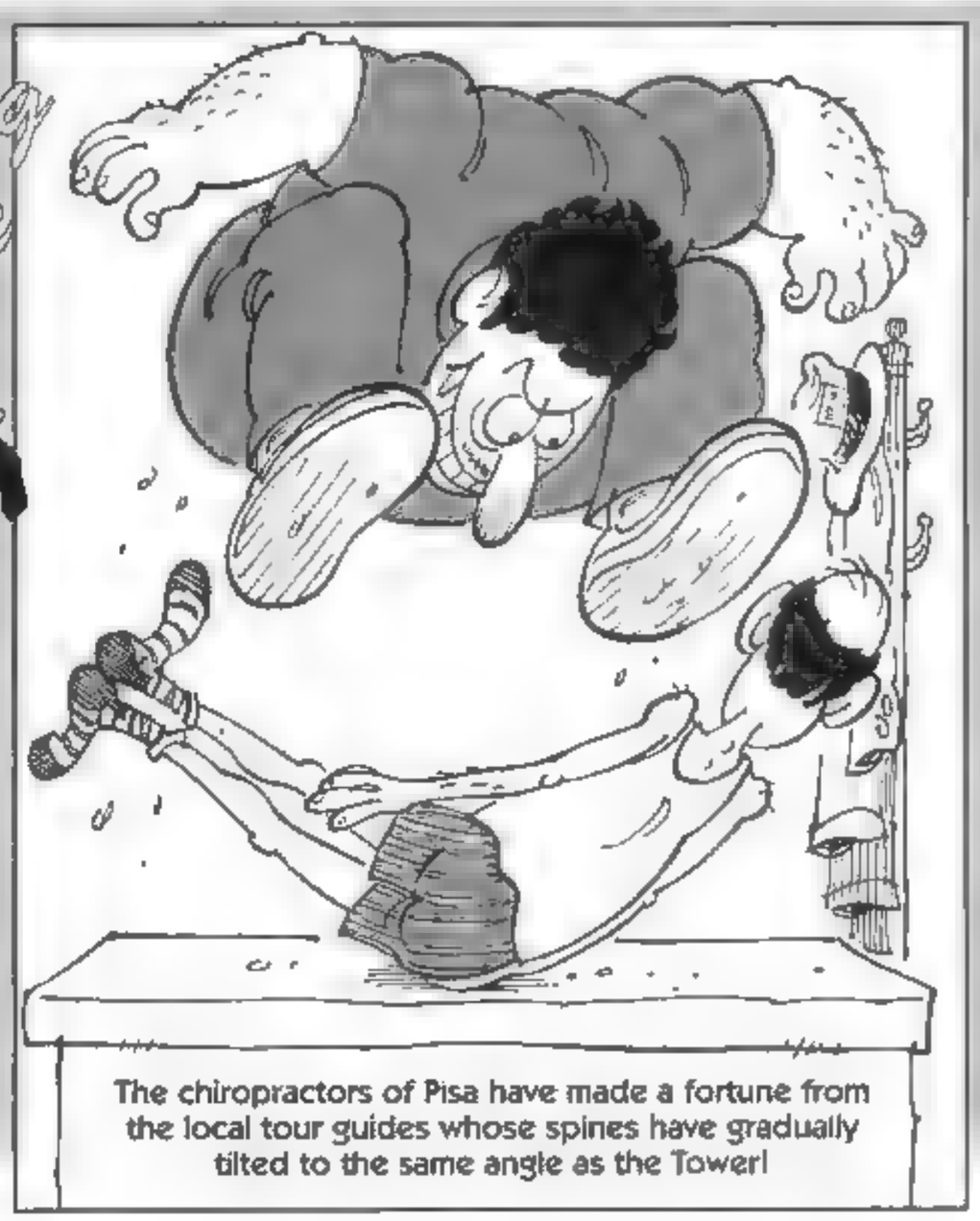
Most male visitors to the beaches of Monte Carlo find that the wonderful French tradition of topless sunbathing is spoiled by the disgusting French tradition of unshaven armpits!

Tourists in Monte Carlo are 40% more likely to accidentally drive a car off a curvy mountain road than they are to hit a number on one of the casino's roulette wheels!



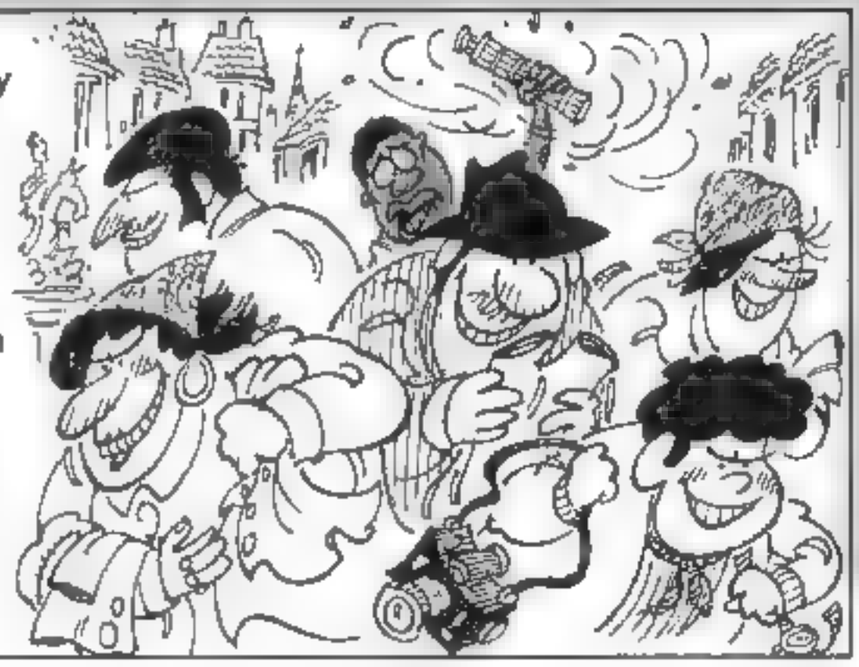
Actually, the Tower is straight. It's Italy that leans!

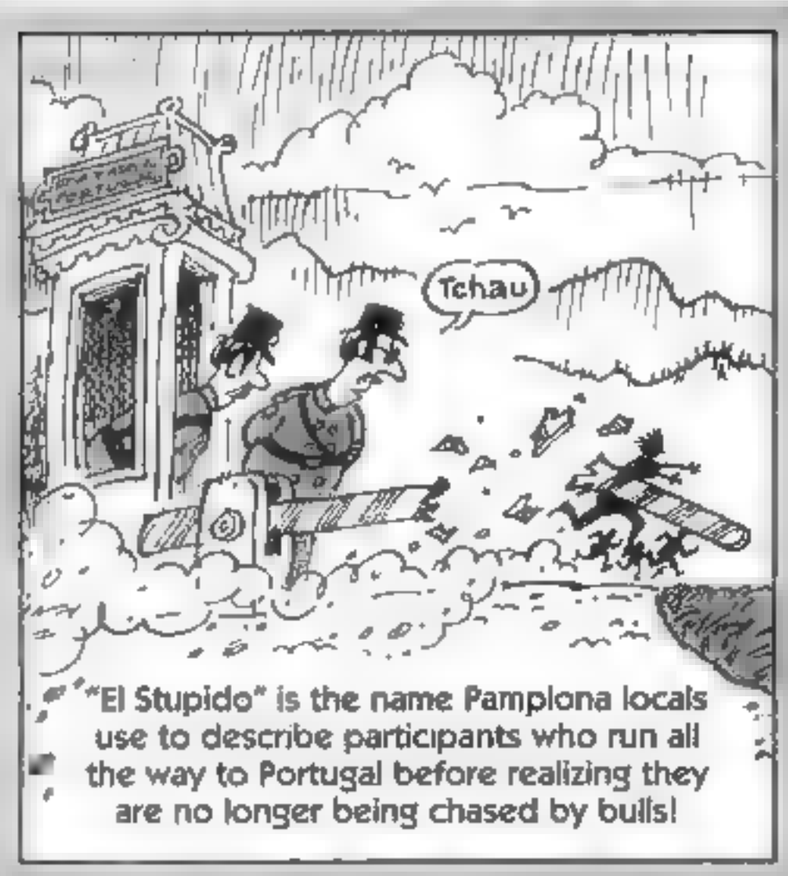
The Leaning Tower of Pisa



The chiropractors of Pisa have made a fortune from the local tour guides whose spines have gradually tilted to the same angle as the Tower!

The vast majority of tourists who purchase the two-foot souvenir marble replica of the Tower report they more often use it as a blunt object to ward off gypsy muggers than they do as a house decoration!



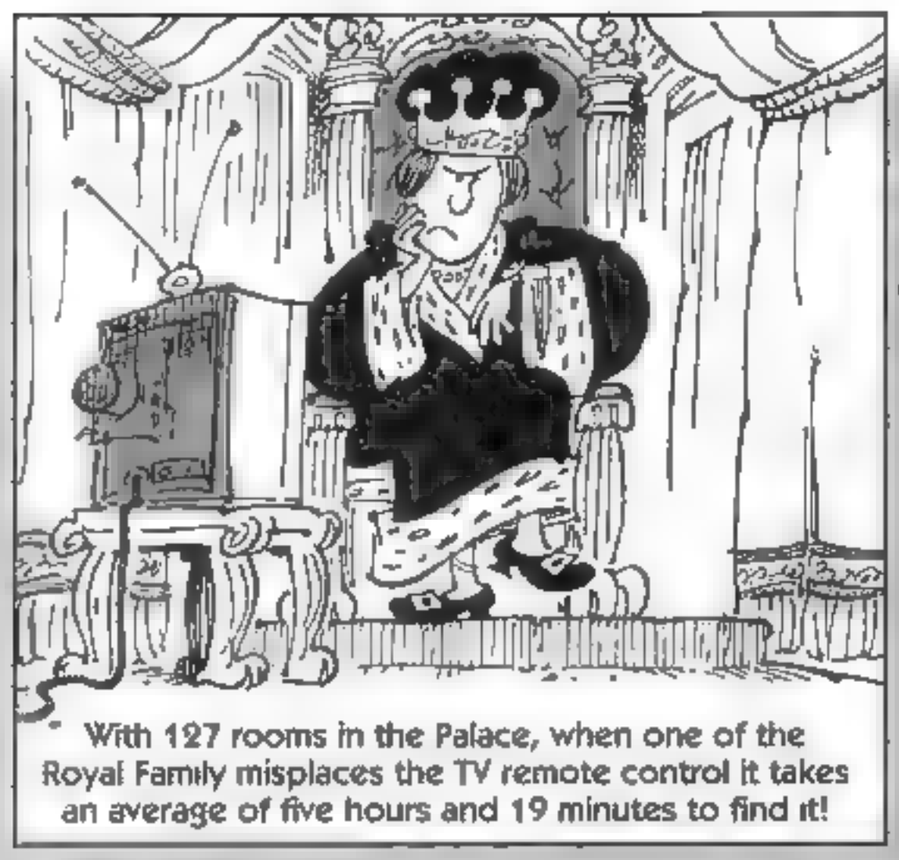


"El Stupido" is the name Pamplona locals use to describe participants who run all the way to Portugal before realizing they are no longer being chased by bulls!

The sentence most commonly looked up in Spanish phrase books during the Running of the Bulls is "Help, I've got a horn stuck up my ass!"

The Running of the Bulls...

Every year several tourists find out the hard way that their HMO health plan doesn't cover "goring"!



With 127 rooms in the Palace, when one of the Royal Family misplaces the TV remote control it takes an average of five hours and 19 minutes to find it!

Buckingham Palace

Though the Palace guards are trained not to react in any way to the tourists, one guard named Ed always cracks up at the old "chattering teeth" gag!

25% of the tourists gathered outside the Palace gates during the Changing of the Guard are really hoping to get a glimpse through the window of Prince Andrew doing the nasty with some British bimbo!

I'M GONNA GIT YOU BLOOD SUCKA DEPT.

Nowhere are the successes of the women's movement more evident than on television. From the leather-clad, butchy Xena to the non-leather clad, butchy Ellen, women are braving new worlds, breaking new ground and forging new relationships! The latest breakthrough is a non-butchy (most definitely), non-leather-clad (unfortunately), hot little high school student in short, short skirts whose hobby is hunting down and killing the undead! You might know her as...

I'm **Busty!** I may **look** like your **typical high school student**, but I can **rout out evil** and **conquer the forces of darkness**, 'cause I have **supernatural skills** and **Herculean power!** Coool, huh? I even have the **power to spay vampires!** The only thing I **lack** is the **power to get a date** on Friday night! I just **don't know** what it is! I have a **bitchin' bod**, a **sexy walk** and I'm **always prepared!** I **never go** anywhere **without mace, garlic, stakes, knives, brass knuckles** and assorted **ancient weapons!** Yet, guys **shy away** from me! **Go figure!**

I'm **Childs!** Crummydale High is **built** over a **Hell's Mouth**, so it **attracts** the most **vile** and **scary creatures** from the **bowels** of the **Earth!** And that's just the **faculty!** Everyone thinks I'm the **librarian** here, but that's what I do to **pay the bills!** My **REAL profession** is as a "**Watcher**"! I **protect Busty** and **teach her** everything there is to know about **vampires, ghouls** and **evil spirits!** Now if only there was **someone** to **teach her** something about the **art** of **acting!** Obviously, **I'M** not **equipped** to **do it!**

I'm **Extender.** I have a **crush** on **Busty!** But she **hardly knows** I'm **alive!** Actually, **everyone** she knows is **hardly alive!** She's **always dealing** with **ghouls, witches, warlocks,** and other **unworldly creeps!** So, what's **wrong** with me? I **fit right in** there.

This sure is a **strange school!** Normally kids are **absent** because they have a **cold** or the **flu!** One of my **students** was **out** yesterday because his **father exploded** into **4,000 pieces!**

I **know** what **you mean!** One of my **students** told me a **plague** of **locusts** ate his **homework** — and I **believed him!**

Why can't I **go into** the **locker room?**

Because **there's** a girl **in there already!**

So? This is a **huge high school** and it's a **huge locker room!** There must be **room** for **100 girls** in there at **one time!**

I know! But we only let **one in at a time!** How else can we set up the "**scary deserted locker room**" **scene schtick** in **every show!**

Busty the vampire spayer

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

I'm **Pillow!** It **amazes me** that **no one catches on** to what **really** goes on in this **library!** Look at the **shelves** — **two books** on **math, two books** on **history, two books** on **geography** and **11,000 books** on **vampires, witchcraft,** and **devil worship!** I have a **crush** on **Extender,** but he has a **crush** on **Busty!** So what do I do for **dates?** Being a **computer nerd,** I turn to **AOL** for **help!** But I **never** seem to **find** anybody who **responds** to me in my **chatroom: "Plain, Uninteresting, Mousy, Unattractive Girl Seeks Hunk"!** Maybe it'd work if **changed "Hunk"** to **"Dream Guy"!**

I'm **HardCordelia!** I'm **beautiful,** I'm **rich,** I'm **sexy,** and I'm **very popular** with the **boys,** because I'm also **easy!** Some of the girls here think I'm a **"witch"** or a **"bitch"!** Actually, I'm **both! Whatever!** Despite their **jealousy,** the girls have voted me **Most Likely Target For A Hit And Run Accident!** Hey, I'm **well-liked!** What can I **say?**

I'm **Angie,** a **good vampire!** A good vampire is a **tortured soul** who wants to **do good,** but **sometimes** just **slips** into **evil!** You know, like **Clinton** and **Gore** and their **fundraising practices!** Busty and I have the **hots** for **each other,** but she's **afraid** to go on a **date** with me! Hundreds of years of **bad press** about the way us **vampires kiss** is **hard** to **overcome!**

BEWARE
LIBRARY CLOSES AT DUSK
FOR OBVIOUS REASONS

RENFIELD HALL

TRANSYLVANIA STATION

666

HORNY LITTLE DEVIL

RIP TORY

RIP TAYLOR

A cup of **bat lips...** the skin of a **boa constrictor...** the blood of a **newt..** eye of **toad...**

Very **impressive!** Are you the **chemistry teacher?**

No, I'm the **cafeteria cook!**

What did you guys do in **biology class** today?

The **usual — dissected** and **buried** another **body** with a **stake** through its **heart!** The teacher said they make **great fertilizer!** But we bury **so many,** the **plants** on **campus** are **growing** by **leaps** and **bounds,** and disturbing the **ecological balance!**

I made the **tombstone** you used in **arts** and **crafts** today! That's all we've done lately — **ceramic projects!** We make **tombstones** for graves, urns for ashes ..how is this **preparing me** for my **SATs?**

Extender, don't you think it's **weird** that **Busty** is a **Vampire Spayer** and we just **accept it** as a **normal, everyday thing?**

Naw! These are the **'90s** and this is a **modern high school!** Anything's possible! The **only person** who's **weird** in this school is **Timmy Brennan!**

Timmy Brennan? What makes him **so weird?**

He's had the **same mom** and **dad** since he was **born!** And they're still **happily married!** They all **eat dinner together** every night, and **actually talk** to each other! Timmy doesn't **do drugs,** doesn't **smoke,** and —

Yaggh! Stop **talking** about him! You're giving me the **creeps!**

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

Our **swimming team** used to **stink!** How could they have **improved** so much that they won a **trophy?**

I'm the **coach!** Let me **explain** — they **didn't improve!** They **posted terrible times** for their laps, but somehow when the **competition** got into the **pool** to **practice** before the meet, the **water mysteriously started** to **boil!** Boy were their **faces red!** Not to mention their **legs, arms, chests** —

My God! A **swimming pool** full of **boiling water?** What did you **do?**

Threw in some **pasta** to go with the **swimmers!** I'm **part Italian** and **part cannibal!**

You're quite **attractive!** You have a **biteable...** uh, **BEAUTIFUL neck!** Would you like go on a **date** with me?

Sure! Maybe find a **place** where we can be **alone** and sit under the **stars!**

You mean the **cemetery?** Great! I have the **feeling** you're **just my type — "0"...I hope!**

Hard-Cordelia, that guy's **so weird,** and you're **going out** with him?

Why not? He meets my **standards!** He's **male,** and he might have **big money!**

Well, **just in case** there's **trouble,** we'll **follow you!**

There'd **BETTER** be **trouble!** Don't forget, Busty, you have to **show off** your **martial arts skills** at least **once per week!**

It's a nice **talent** to have, but I think the **fact** I can **rip out vital organs** also cuts down on my **dateability!**

CRACK

So, you and the new coach have some hot plans?

Yeah! He's so great! Not only is he the swimming coach, he also runs an after-school club! It has a neat name — the Devil Worshippers!

HardCordella, a club like that sounds like a cover-up for some sort of evil cult!

Oh, go on! You guys read "evil" into every-thing! As if!

Does the word "clueless" ring a bell with you, Hard-Cordella?

I like candles, but isn't this a bit much?

I needed something to brighten up the place! I added the cheerful black drapes and black rugs, but somehow they didn't help much! Here, have a Bloody Mary with only fresh-squeezed ingredients!

That's where they went! That's an amazing old castle, isn't it?

Yeah! But what's really amazing is it's right on campus!

What's even more amazing than that is that it wasn't there yesterday!

Are you afraid to be alone with me?

Naw, I'm not worried!

Suppose I told you I was looking for a young virgin to sacrifice!

Then I'm DEFINITELY not worried!

How about a little kiss on the neck?

Okay, tilt your head over to the side!

No, I want to kiss you on the neck! Deep and long!

She doesn't kiss on the first date! She does, however, do just about every-thing else on a first date! But that's a different story!

So, Busty, you discovered I'm a vampire! Why not join me? I can offer you endless life! Think of it! You can live 100 years! 200 years!

Nawl

How can you turn down eternal life?

Because mom and I don't live in a rent-controlled apartment! We can hardly afford it now! In 200 years, it could be $46,000 a month! Plus utilities!

REST ROOMS

Busty, think of what it's like to live in a different time! A different moral climate!

I like this time! I like this moral climate! It's the humidity that I'm not crazy about! This place is so damp!

That's because of the natural floors — soil from Transylvania, which is great because it doesn't show the dirt!

This will stop you, coach!

A piece of cake?!

It's a hot CROSS bun! See the little cross right there on top?

Call me weird, but somehow a cross made out of icing doesn't strike terror into my heart!

Then this should strike terror into your tush!

Who are you? The Vampire Spayer or the Karate Kid?

KLUNK

This wooden stake through your heart will end your evil!

Where did you find a stake? They're forbidden in this castle!

I carry one with me! Crummydale High is so full of demons, they should be standard issue for all the students, along with the free condoms!

"STICKS AND STONES"

Once again Crummydale High is free of demons!

Not necessarily! I'm the devil! Would you like to sell your soul, Busty?

I wouldn't sell my soul to you for ANYTHING in the world!

How about in exchange for some viewers to watch this hellish little TV show!

Do it, Busty! This could be a real chance for us!

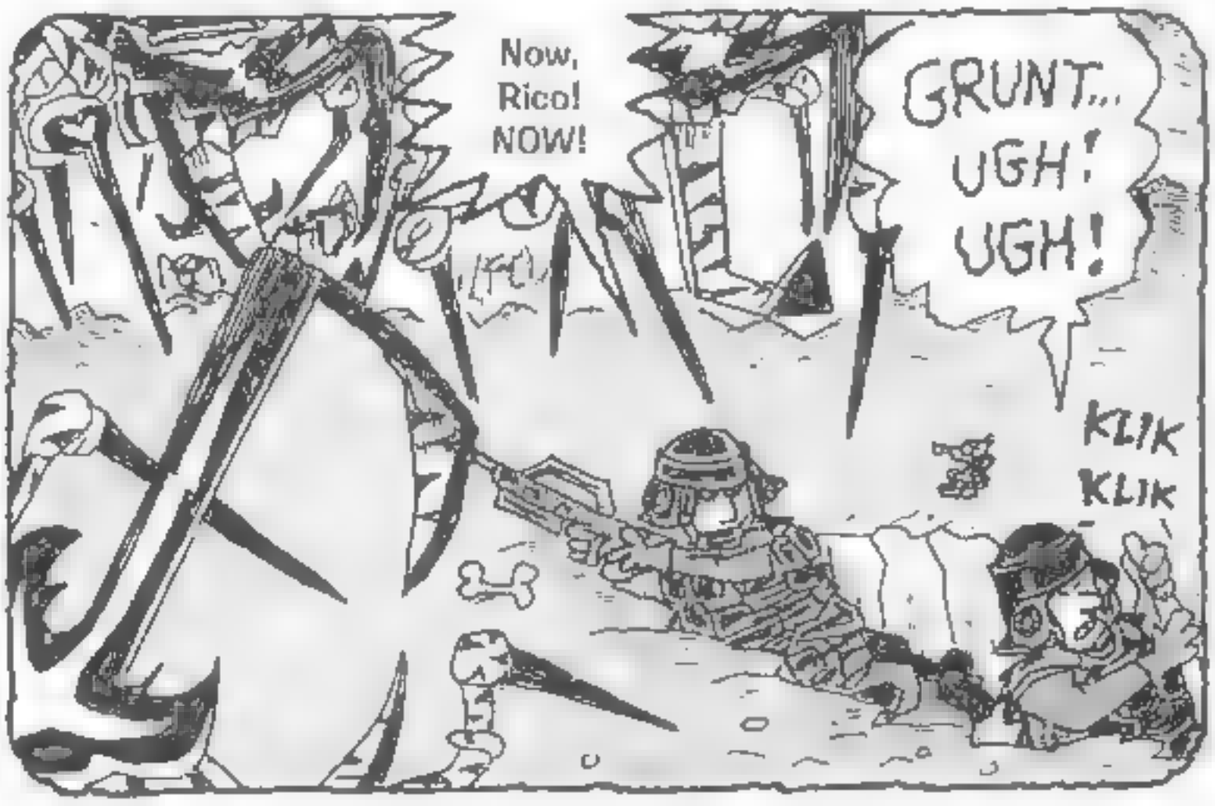
If Busty sells you her soul can you live up to your part of the deal?

No problem! For openers, we'll change the name of this show to something much catchier — *Touched By A Devil!*

I like it! If we get an eighth of the ratings *Touched By An Angel* gets, we'll be set for at least five seasons, re-runs... eternal TV life!

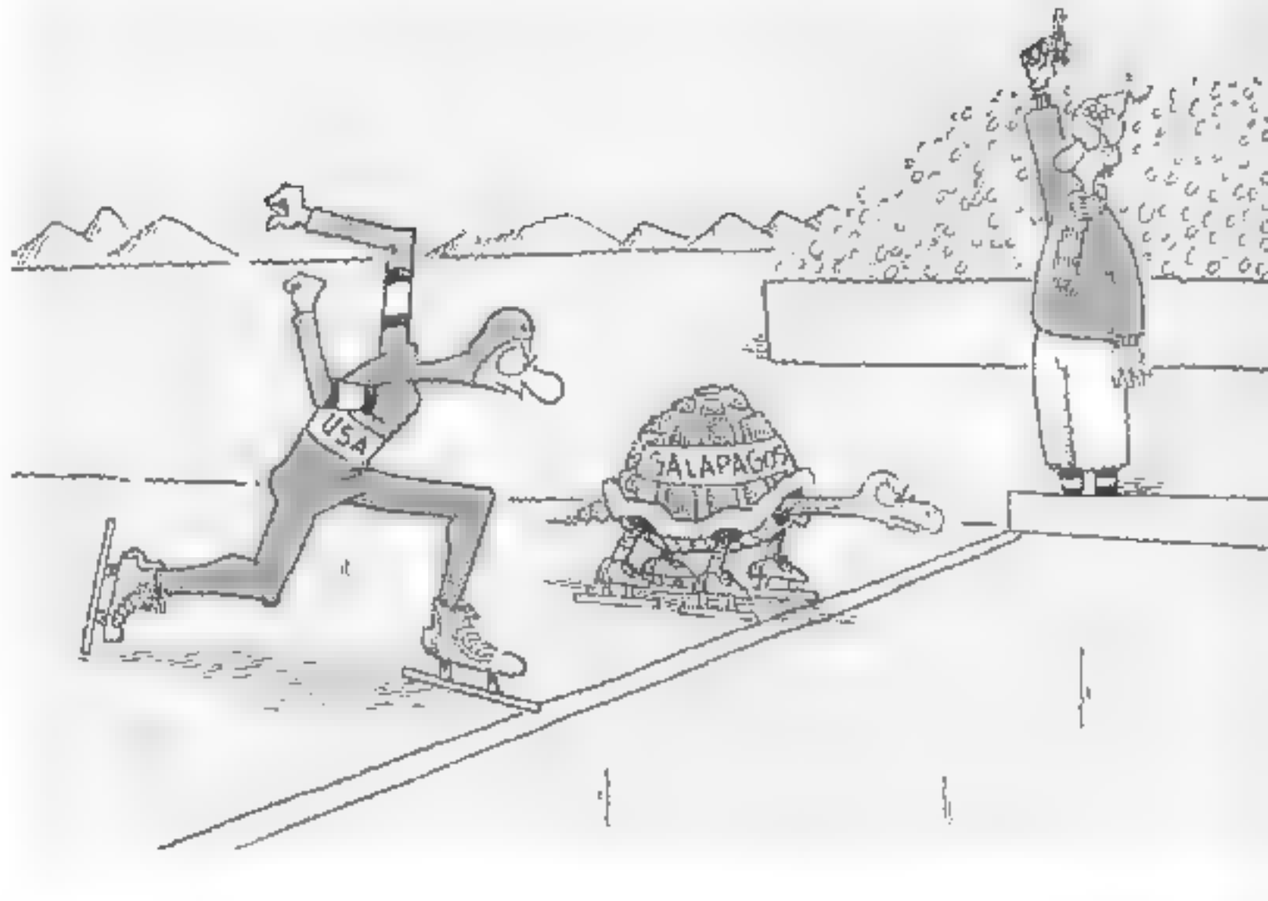
TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

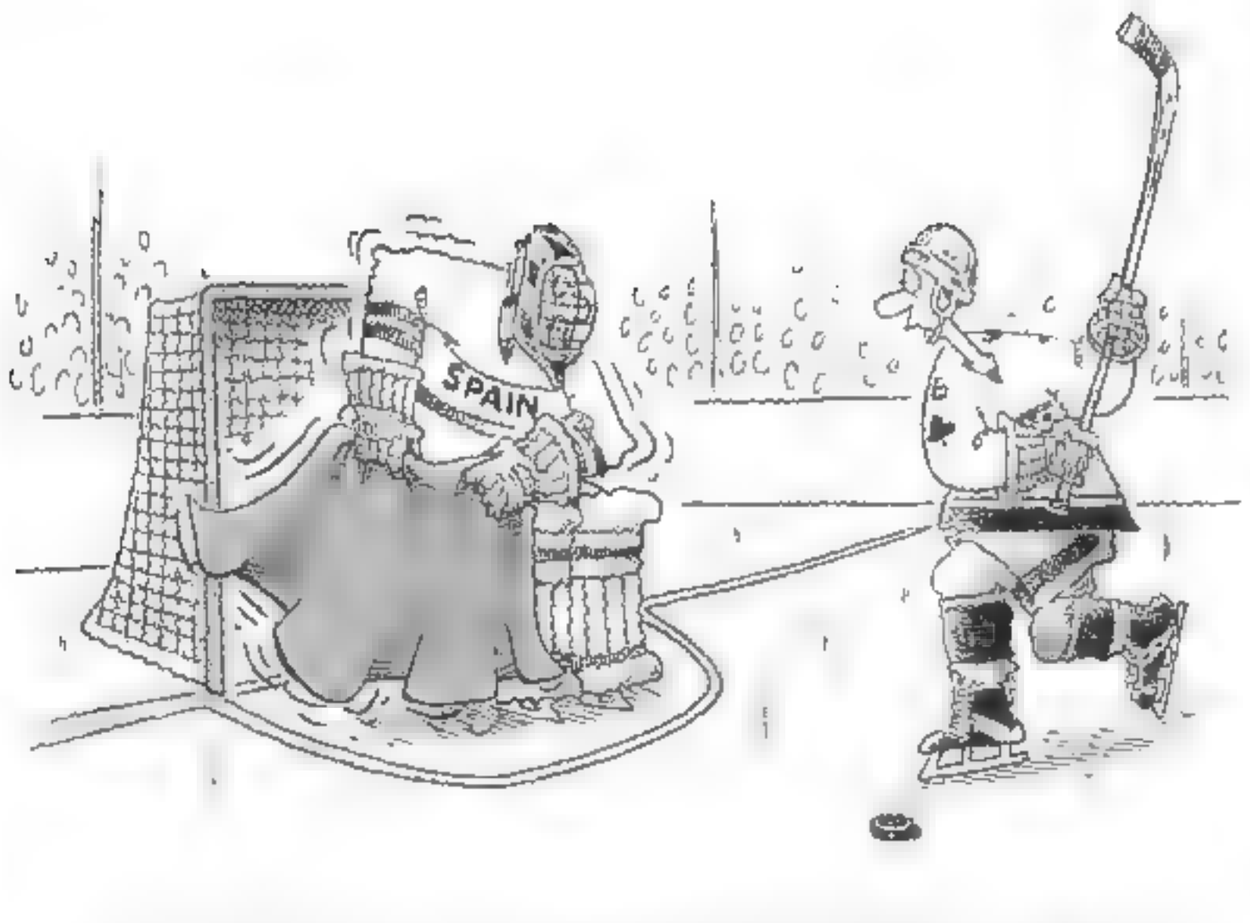
BUGGY NIGHTS

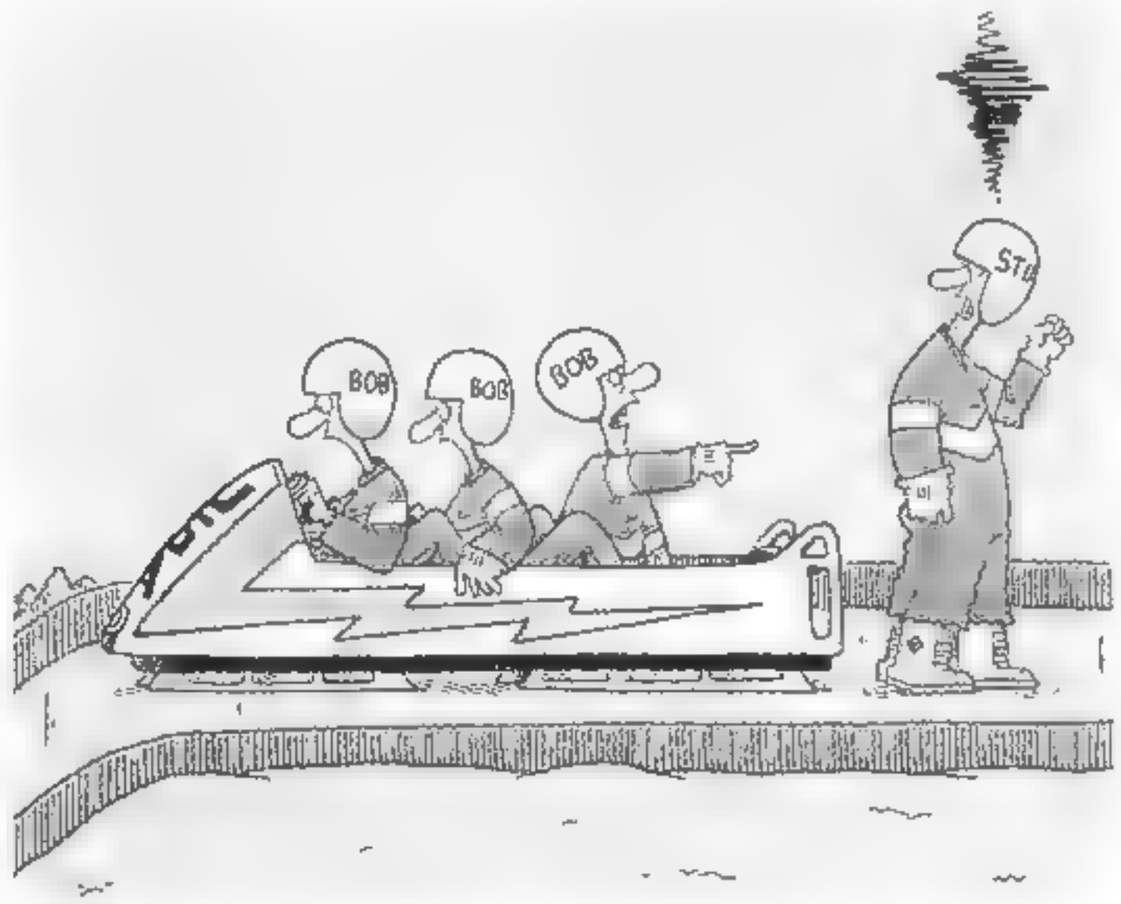


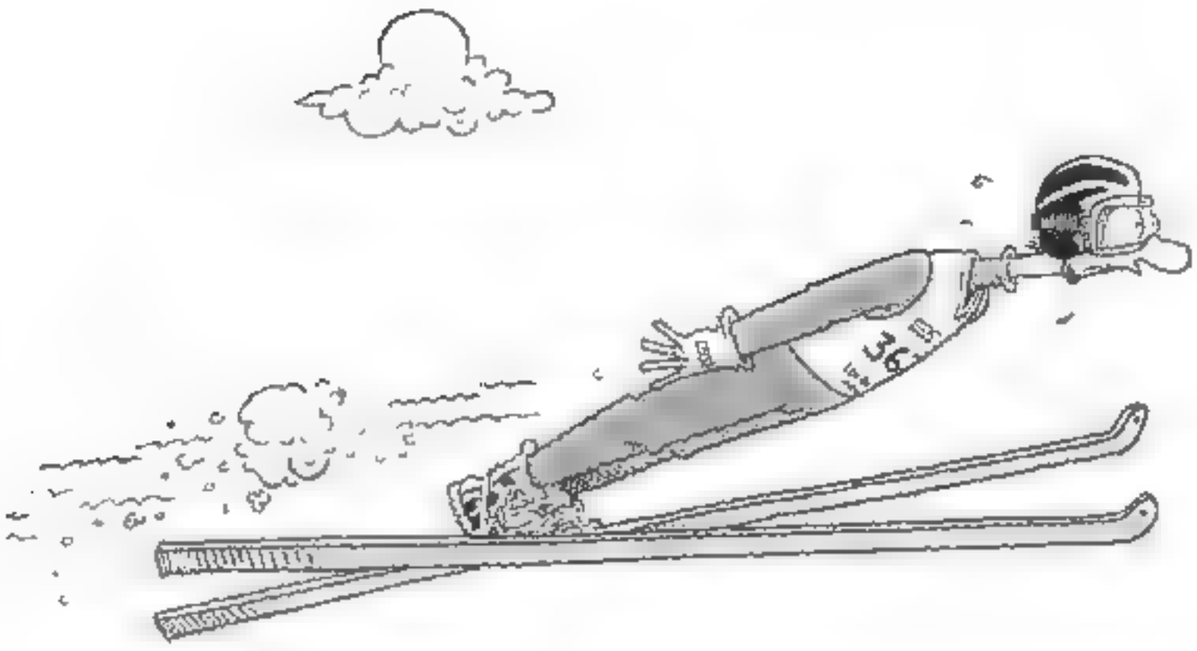
ARTIST AND WRITER. DUCK EDWING

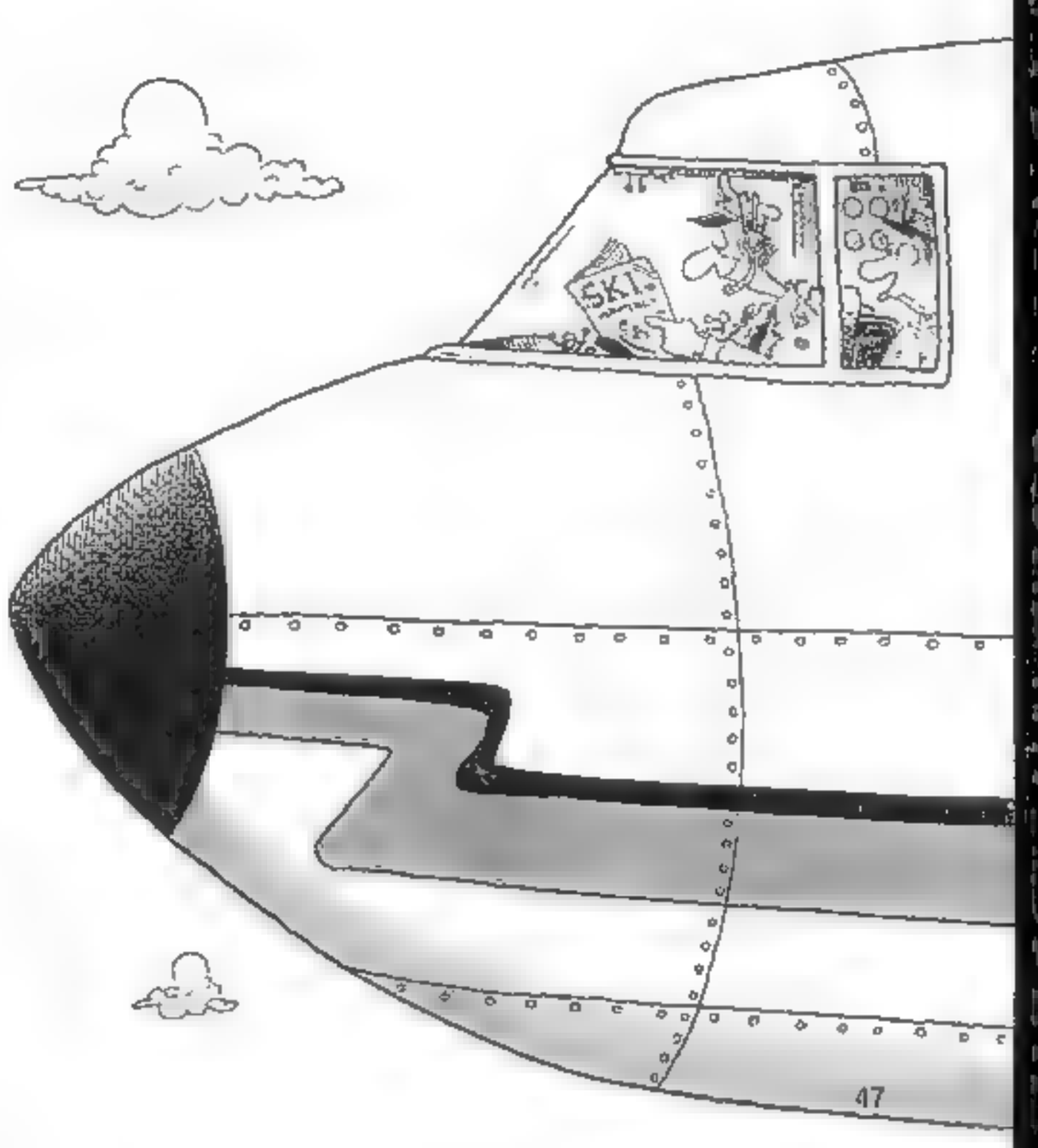
MAD VISITS THE WINTER OLYMPICS











ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

GRIEVING LAS VEGAS DEPT.

MAD'S CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars will become a Maggot Happy Meal!

THIS MONTH'S RIGOR MORTIS POSTER BOY TO BE:

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CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
Commits suicide to keep rivalry with Kurt Cobain going	3:1
Commits suicide while depressed over "wrong kind of people" buying latest CD	5:1
Commits suicide as ill-conceived "negotiating ploy" in battle with Ticketmaster	7:1
Commits suicide to end "unbearable life" as a multi-millionaire who hasn't really worked a day in years	13:1
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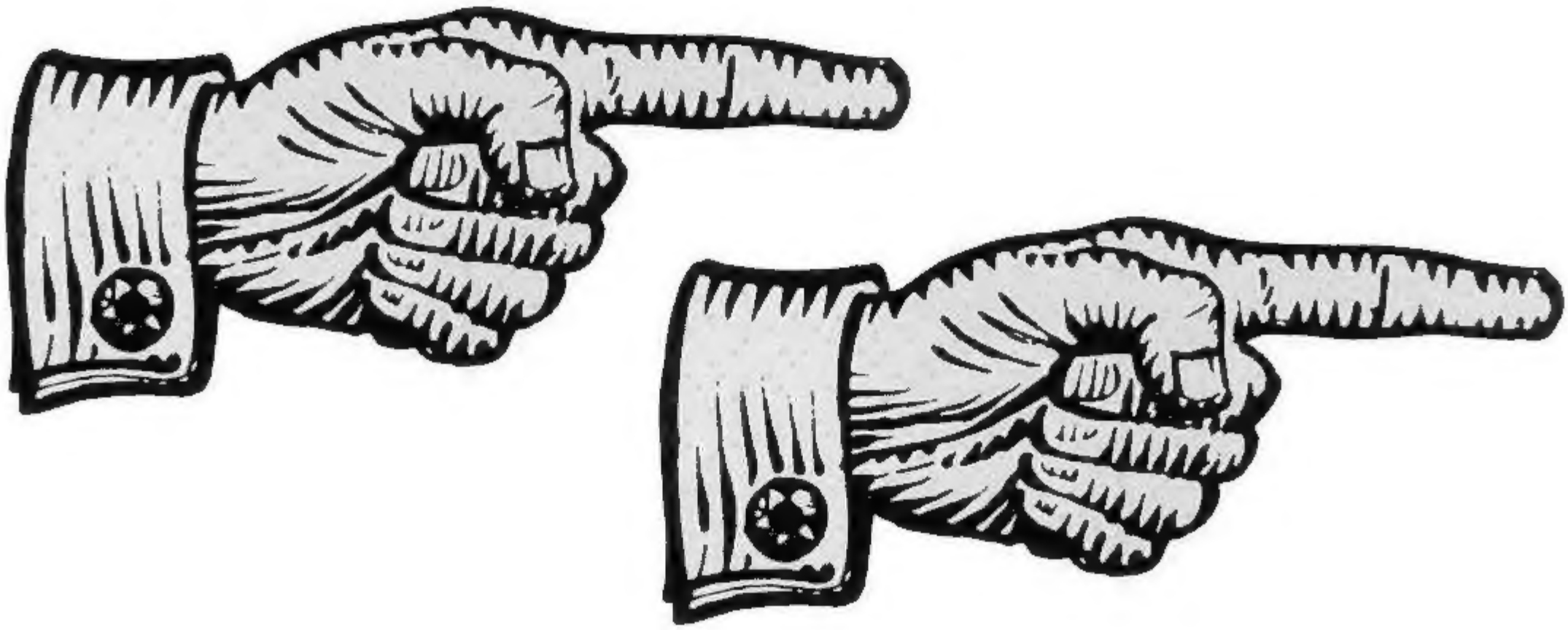
ARTIST: HERMANN MEIER
WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



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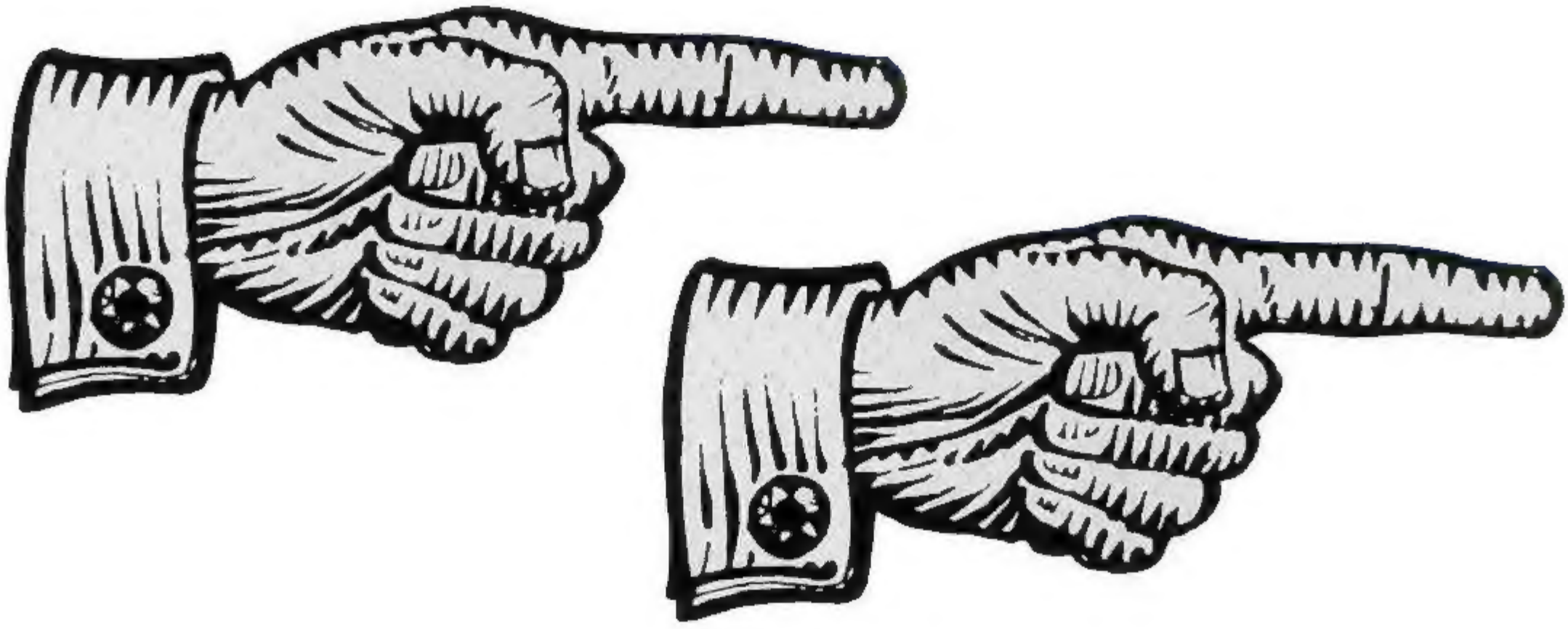

WHAT AMERICAN EXPORT IS COSTING MANY FOREIGNERS AN ARM AND A LEG?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

The United States is a land of products, and American exports are in demand now more than ever. People all over the world are dishing out beaucoup bucks to get them. To find out the price foreigners are paying for some U.S. exports, fold page in as shown.

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UNITED STATES TRADE MISSION

WHEAT
$112,000,000.

COMPUTERS
$58,000,000.

JEANS
$96,000,000.

ENTERTAINMENT
$223,000,000.

LATEST STATISTICS REVEAL THE TERRIBLE BIND MANY COUNTRIES ARE IN. THEIR TRADE ADMINISTRATORS PAY DEARLY FOR OUR COMMODITIES.

A ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE B

WHAT AMERICAN EXPORT IS COSTING MANY FOREIGNERS AN ARM AND A LEG?

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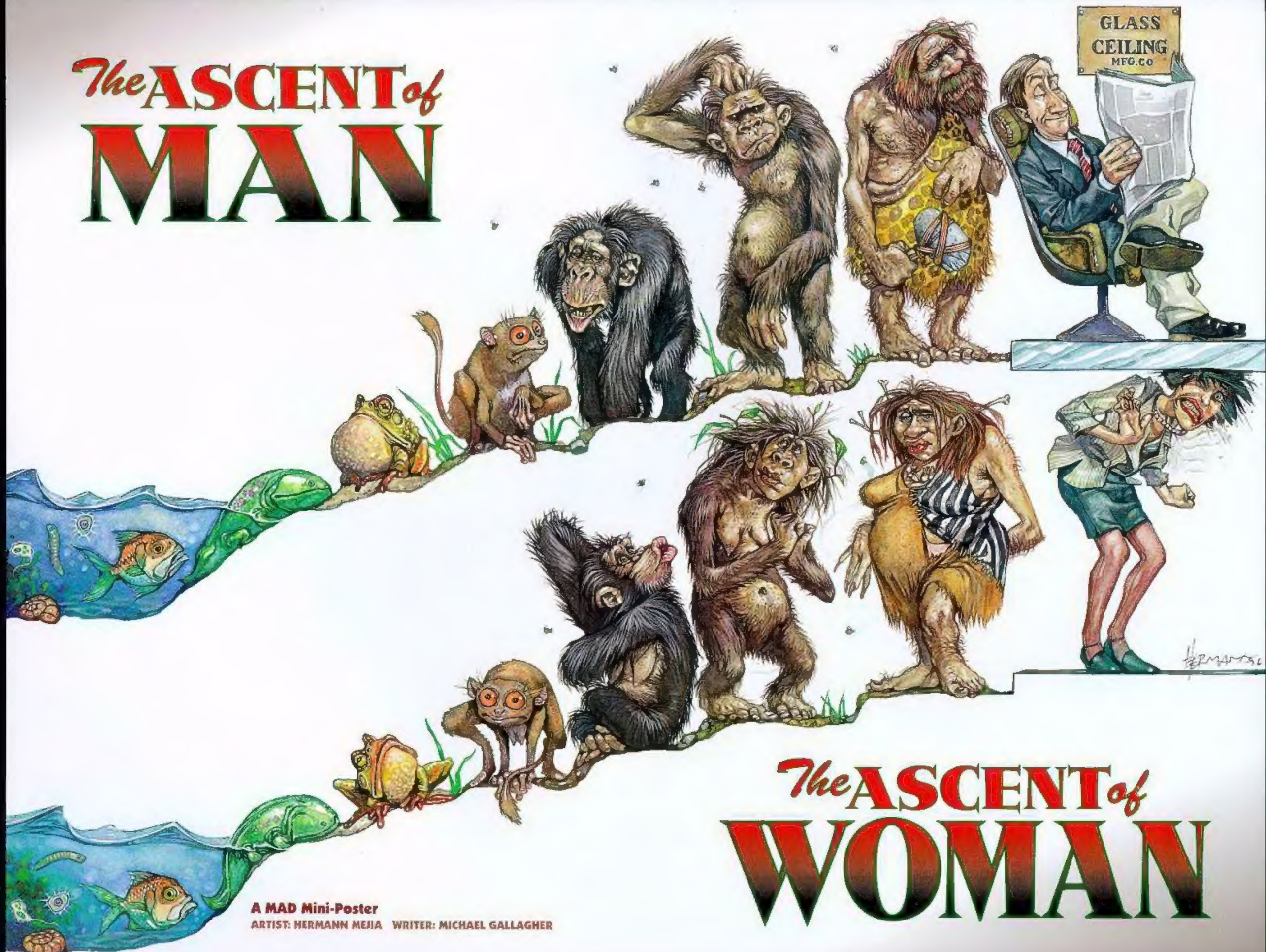

The ASCENT of WOMAN

A MAD Mini-Poster

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: MICHAEL GALLAGHER